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SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

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158TH GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

This document contains a comprehensive report of legislation passed by the 2025 Georgia General Assembly, with the exception of local legislation, certain resolutions, and the state budgets. Each bill is accompanied by a summary containing its primary sponsors, effective and sunset dates, and a brief synopsis. If you are a member of the General Assembly and require additional information on any bill or resolution, please contact the Senate Office of Policy & Legislative Analysis to request a full summary.

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KEY

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Effective Dates

GOV	Effective upon Governor’s approval.
Multiple	Multiple effective or sunset dates apply.
Contingent	Contingent on the appropriation of funds.

Senate Committees

I&L	Insurance & Labor
HHS	Health and Human Services
SLOGO	State and Local Governmental Operations
C&F	Children & Families
EDT	Economic Development and Tourism

House Committees

EU&T	Energy, Utilities, & Telecommunications
B&F Affairs	Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight
Ind. & Labor	Industry and Labor
P&CH	Public and Community Health
Intra. Coord.	Intragovernmental Coordination
D&VA	Defense & Veterans Affairs
EDT	Economic Development & Tourism
HR&A	Human Relations & Aging

SENATE BILLS

SENATE BILL 1

Riley Gaines Act of 2025

Senate Sponsor: Dolezal, 27th

House Sponsor: Bonner, 73rd

Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth

House Cmte: Education

Senate Vote: 34-20

House Vote: 100-64

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Sunset Date: N/A

Title(s): 20

Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 11)

Synopsis: This bill requires the designation of separate, sex-specific athletic teams based solely on an individual's biological sex for public middle schools, high schools, and postsecondary education institutions. Additionally, schools must provide separate multiple occupancy restrooms, changing areas, and sleeping quarters on the basis of sex. Participating private schools are also bound by this bill.

SENATE BILL 5

Prior Authorization Program Requirements/PANDAS and PANS Healthcare Services Coverage

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd

House Sponsor: Hawkins, 27th

Senate Cmte: I&L

House Cmte: Insurance

Senate Vote: 52-0

House Vote: 169-2

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Sunset Date: N/A

Title(s): 33, 45

Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 299)

Synopsis: This bill requires certain health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements and establishes reporting requirements for these insurers. This bill requires coverage for healthcare services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS).

SENATE BILL 6

Exempts Drug Analysis Equipment from Being Classified as a Drug Related Object

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd

House Sponsor: Cooper, 45th

Senate Cmte: HHS

House Cmte: Health

Senate Vote: 55-0

House Vote: 170-0

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Sunset Date: N/A

Title(s): 26

Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 126)

Synopsis: Georgia law specifies that certain equipment is exempt from being classified as a drug related object. This bill expands the list of exemptions to include drug analysis equipment. Drug analysis equipment is used to determine whether a controlled substance or its packaging has been adulterated.

SENATE BILL 12

Requirements for Custodians of Public Records

Senate Sponsor: Ginn, 47th

House Sponsor: Anderson, 10th

Senate Cmte: Judiciary

House Cmte: Gov. Affairs

Senate Vote: 53-1

House Vote: 167-1

Effective Date: May 14, 2025

Sunset Date: N/A

Title(s): 50

Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 276)

Synopsis: This bill requires all requests to inspect or copy public records, under the Open Records Act, be made upon the custodian of the record. Upon receiving a request for records, a custodian must retrieve public records prepared and maintained or received by a private person or entity, and a private person or entity must produce public records to a custodian upon request.

SENATE BILL 13**Authorizes Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to Assist with Natural Gas Projects**

Senate Sponsor: Summers, 13th	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: O’Steen, 169th	House Cmte: EU&T	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-0	Title(s): 50
	House Vote: 109-50	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 306)

Synopsis: Georgia law authorizes the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to provide grants, loans, bonds, and other forms of financial and technical assistance to local governments and instrumentalities of the state for certain projects necessary for or incidental to public, commercial, residential, or industrial development purposes. Georgia law limits GEFA assistance to water, sewer, solid waste infrastructure, and certain land conservation projects. This bill authorizes GEFA to assist local governments with electrical line conversion and certain natural gas distribution projects.

SENATE BILL 16**Revises Which Elected Officials are Prohibited from Engaging in the Bail Bond Business**

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: SLOGO	Effective Date: Feb. 25, 2025
House Sponsor: Huddleston, 72nd	House Cmte: Gov. Affairs	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-2	Title(s): 45
	House Vote: 159-6	Signed: Feb. 25, 2025 (Act 1)

Synopsis: Georgia law prohibits elected officials and certain public officers from engaging in the bail bond business, with an exception for elected school board members. This bill creates new exceptions for members elected to the governing authority of a county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government.

SENATE BILL 20**GSFA Tuition Grant Program Expansion; Student Loan Repayment for Certain Veterinarians**

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd	Senate Cmte: Higher Ed	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Hilton, 48th	House Cmte: Higher Ed	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-2	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 160-5	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 304)

Synopsis: This bill expands the Georgia Student Finance Authority’s tuition grant program to the spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, prison guards, and highway emergency response operators and to the children and spouses of public school employees and teachers who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. This bill also authorizes the State Veterinary Education Board to administer student loan repayment for veterinarians who practice shelter medicine full time or who practice full time at a nonprofit pet sterilization clinic.

SENATE BILL 35**Increases the Nonrenewal Notice Requirement for Homeowners’ Property Insurance**

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: I&L	Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Gambill, 15th	House Cmte: Insurance	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 33
	House Vote: 168-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 277)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires insurers to issue a written notice of nonrenewal to consumers at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the nonrenewal for homeowners’ insurance. This bill requires notice at least 60 days prior.

SENATE BILL 36
Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act

Senate Sponsor: Setzler, 37th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: April 4, 2025
House Sponsor: T. Smith, 18th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 32-23	Title(s): 50
	House Vote: 96-70	Signed: April 4, 2025 (Act 6)

Synopsis: This bill enacts the Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act and adopts the compelling interest test from the Federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which prohibits substantially burdening a person’s exercise of religion unless the burden is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

SENATE BILL 40
Used, Detached Catalytic Converters

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: McDonald, 26th	House Cmte: Reg. Industries	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-4	Title(s): 10
	House Vote: 91-63	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 278)

Synopsis: This bill revises the definition of ‘used, detached catalytic converter’ and revises requirements for transactions involving used, detached catalytic converters and secondary metals recyclers.

SENATE BILL 42
Repeals Certain Penalty Provisions for the Offenses of Prostitution, Keeping a Place of Prostitution, Pimping, and Pandering

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: Hong, 103rd	House Cmte: Jud. Non-Civil	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-0	Title(s): 16
	House Vote: 169-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 279)

Synopsis: This bill repeals penalty provisions for a person convicted of keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, or pandering when such offense involves the conduct of a person under the age of 18.

SENATE BILL 44
School System Millage Rates

Senate Sponsor: S. Watson, 11th	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Cannon, 172nd	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-0	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 138-23	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 280)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires millage rates to equal a rate of 12 to 14, increasing each year from 2015 to 2019. This bill sets the required millage rate to at least 10 mills.

SENATE BILL 46 – VETOED (V6)**Government Serves the People Act****Senate Sponsor:** Harbin, 16th**Senate Cmte:** Gov. Oversight**Effective Date:** Vetoed**House Sponsor:** Bonner, 73rd**House Cmte:** B&F Affairs**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-4**Title(s):** 50**House Vote:** 128-35**Signed:** **Vetoed May 14, 2025**

Synopsis: This bill requires the Georgia Technology Authority to compile and submit an annual report on government service delivery improvements to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. All agencies must submit data for this purpose to the Georgia Technology Authority.

SENATE BILL 55**Dignity and Pay Act****Senate Sponsor:** Hickman, 4th**Senate Cmte:** I&L**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Cooper, 45th**House Cmte:** Ind. & Labor**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-3**Title(s):** 34**House Vote:** 163-2**Signed:** May 1, 2025 (Act 46)

Synopsis: Georgia law allows the Labor Commissioner to grant certain exemptions allowing certain businesses and organizations to pay subminimum wage to persons with disabilities. This bill phases out the payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities.

SENATE BILL 56**Georgia State Indemnification Fund Revision for Certain Public Safety Officers****Senate Sponsor:** Anavitarte, 31st**Senate Cmte:** I&L**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Gullett, 19th**House Cmte:** Public Safety**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 54-1**Title(s):** 45**House Vote:** 165-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 281)

Synopsis: Georgia law provides a financial benefit for designated public safety officers who are disabled or killed in-the-line of duty through the Georgia State Indemnification Program. This bill establishes a presumption of qualification for indemnification under certain conditions related to COVID-19 for a death that occurred on or before April 15, 2022.

SENATE BILL 58**Georgia Transporting Life-Saving Organs and Personnel Act****Senate Sponsor:** Albers, 56th**Senate Cmte:** HHS**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Townsend, 179th**House Cmte:** Health**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 53-0**Title(s):** 31, 40**House Vote:** 161-0**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 83)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes emergency organ transplant vehicles to operate as emergency vehicles. It establishes licensure and insurance requirements for emergency organ transplant vehicles operating an ambulance service. It exempts DPH licensed emergency organ transplant vehicles from the Public Safety Commissioner's permit requirement for motor vehicles to be designated as emergency vehicles authorized to operate flashing or revolving emergency lights.

SENATE BILL 63**Home Study Standardized Testing Accessibility****Senate Sponsor:** Dixon, 45th**Senate Cmte:** Ed & Youth**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Rice, 139th**House Cmte:** Education**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-0**Title(s):** 20**House Vote:** 166-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 360)

Synopsis: This bill requires each local school system that offers the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, PreACT, ACT, Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or advanced placement exams to offer the same tests to home study students residing in that school system.

SENATE BILL 68**Tort Reform****Senate Sponsor:** Kennedy, 18th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** Multiple**House Sponsor:** Burchett, 176th**House Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 34-21**Title(s):** 9, 13, 40, 51**House Vote:** 94-77**Signed:** April 21, 2025 (Act 9)

Synopsis: This bill is part of Governor Kemp’s tort reform package. The reforms address various aspects of tort cases with particular focus on measures to limit “nuclear” damages awards.

SENATE BILL 69**Georgia Courts Access and Consumer Protection Act****Senate Sponsor:** Kennedy, 18th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** Multiple**House Sponsor:** Burchett, 176th**House Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 7, 9**House Vote:** 120-42**Signed:** April 21, 2025 (Act 10)

Synopsis: This bill is the second part of Governor Kemp’s tort reform package. The bill regulates third-party litigation financing practices.

SENATE BILL 72**Hope for Georgia Patients Act****Senate Sponsor:** Brass, 6th**Senate Cmte:** HHS**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Hawkins, 27th**House Cmte:** Health**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 56-0**Title(s):** 31**House Vote:** 161-0**Signed:** May 12, 2025 (Act 122)

Synopsis: This bill creates patient eligibility requirements for access to individualized investigational treatments (IITs) and minimum standards for written informed consent. It authorizes certain manufacturers and eligible facilities to provide IITs and allows, but does not require, health benefit plans and government agencies to cover IITs. It prohibits the Georgia Composite Medical Board from taking any adverse action against a physician’s license for treating an eligible patient with an IIT and DCH from taking adverse actions against a healthcare provider’s Medicare certification for treating an eligible patient with an IIT. It limits the liability of certain parties in the provision of IITs.

SENATE BILL 79
Fentanyl Eradication and Removal Act

Senate Sponsor: Goodman, 8th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Burchett, 176th	House Cmte: Judiciary Non-Civil	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-0	Title(s): 16
	House Vote: 99-62	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 123)

Synopsis: This bill revises threshold amounts of fentanyl necessary to constitute felony offenses of trafficking in fentanyl and increases penalties for the offense. This bill also revises mandatory minimum sentences for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances.

SENATE BILL 81
Updates to the Georgia Motor Vehicles Franchise Practices Act

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Powell, 33rd	House Cmte: Reg. Industries	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-1	Title(s): 10, 40
	House Vote: 165-5	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 282)

Synopsis: This bill requires affiliates of motor vehicle manufacturers, franchisors, and distributors to provide certain consumer data protections in sales and lease transactions. This bill requires franchisors, manufacturers, or distributors to compensate dealers for certain recall repairs. In addition, this bill requires franchisors to provide dealers with certain written disclosures.

SENATE BILL 82
Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025

Senate Sponsor: Dixon, 45th	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: April 28, 2025
House Sponsor: Hilton, 48th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: Multiple
	Senate Vote: 44-10	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 107-62	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 15)

Synopsis: This bill creates an incentive grant program to promote and support the approval of new local charter schools. For each new local charter school petition approved after June 30, 2025, the local board of education will receive an incentive grant of \$250,000 by August 1 of each of the three years following approval.

SENATE BILL 85
Georgia Foster Care Scholarship

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: Higher Ed	Effective Date: Contingent
House Sponsor: Kelley, 16th	House Cmte: Higher Ed	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-1	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 166-2	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 120)

Synopsis: This bill establishes the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship Program.

SENATE BILL 88
Additional Judge for the Douglas Judicial Circuit

Senate Sponsor: Bearden, 30th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: New, 40th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 48-6	Title(s): 15
	House Vote: 171-0	Signed: April 30, 2025 (Act 25)

Synopsis: This bill adds a judge to the Douglas Judicial Circuit to increase the total number of superior court judges from three to four.

SENATE BILL 93
Establishes Core Curricula Criteria

Senate Sponsor: Kemp, 38th	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Ballard, 147th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 168-0	Signed: April 30, 2025 (Act 27)

Synopsis: This bill requires the Professional Standards Commission to adopt certain rules based on content standards established by the State Board of Education to create criteria for core curricula.

SENATE BILL 96
Modernizes and Updates Various Boards and Commissions

Senate Sponsor: Echols, 49th	Senate Cmte: Gov. Oversight	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gambill, 15th	House Cmte: Code Revision	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-0	Title(s): Various
	House Vote: 162-0	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 92)

Synopsis: This bill modernizes and updates provisions in Code creating certain boards, panels, authorities, and other bodies. These include, but are not limited to, updates regarding the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission, Environmental Advisory Council, Jekyll Island Citizens Resource Council, and the Governor’s Office for Children and Families.

SENATE BILL 98
County Conservator

Senate Sponsor: Cowsert, 46th	Senate Cmte: C&F	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Scoggins, 14th	House Cmte: Judiciary Juvenile	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-0	Title(s): 29, 53
	House Vote: 162-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 283)

Synopsis: This bill revises Georgia law to distinguish between the roles of ‘county conservator’ and ‘county guardian.’

SENATE BILL 99
Defines Law Enforcement Officer

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Reeves, 99th	House Cmte: Public Safety	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-3	Title(s): 16, 17
	House Vote: 152-11	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 192)

Synopsis: This bill defines law enforcement officer and clarifies that this definition applies to O.C.G.A §17-4-20.

SENATE BILL 100
Andee’s Law

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: C&F	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gullett, 19th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 31
	House Vote: 145-14	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 184)

Synopsis: This bill allows an individual born in Georgia and 18 years or older to request their original birth certificate when a new birth certificate was issued pursuant to an adoption, legitimation, or paternity determination.

SENATE BILL 101**Requires Coverage for Medically Necessary Orthotic and Prosthetic Devices**

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: May 13, 2025
House Sponsor: Clark, 100th	House Cmte: P&CH	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-1	Title(s): 33
	House Vote: 167-2	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 183)

Synopsis: This bill requires certain health benefit policy coverage for medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components.

SENATE BILL 105**Veterinary Telemedicine**

Senate Sponsor: Anavitarte, 31st	Senate Cmte: Agriculture	Effective Date: Multiple
House Sponsor: Jasperse, 11th	House Cmte: Agriculture	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-1	Title(s): 43
	House Vote: 168-0	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 190)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes the practice of veterinary telemedicine, teleadvice, and teletriage under certain circumstances.

SENATE BILL 109**Prohibits the Exclusion or Restriction of Liability for Certain Service Member Deaths**

Senate Sponsor: Harbison, 15th	Senate Cmte: Veterans	Effective Date: June 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Lumsden, 12th	House Cmte: Insurance	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-0	Title(s): 33
	House Vote: 172-0	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 75)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits group life insurance policies from being delivered or issued in Georgia if the policy contains a provision that excludes or restricts liability for death occurring while the insured is a service member of the regular or reserve component of the United States' Armed Forces and the death is not a result, directly or indirectly, of war, declared or undeclared, or any act or hazard of such war.

SENATE BILL 110**Revises Definition of Neglect**

Senate Sponsor: Anavitarte, 31st	Senate Cmte: C&F	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Lumsden, 12th	House Cmte: Judiciary Juvenile	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-1	Title(s): 15, 16
	House Vote: 100-69	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 284)

Synopsis: This bill makes changes to the definition of 'neglect' in Georgia Law.

SENATE BILL 112**HVAC Warranties**

Senate Sponsor: Dixon, 45th	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: January 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Corbett, 174th	House Cmte: Agriculture	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 10
	House Vote: 166-1	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 285)

Synopsis: This bill requires any valid manufacturer's warranty for an HVAC system or component part, to remain in effect following a change in ownership of the residential property to which such system is attached. The warranty must automatically transfer and remain in effect as if the new owner was the original purchaser. This bill prohibits certain HVAC system and component warranties from being conditioned upon product registration. This bill requires an HVAC system's warranty or product registration card or form to provide certain information.

SENATE BILL 119**Creates New Instances Under Which a Manufactured Home Reverts Back to Personal Property****Senate Sponsor:** Goodman, 8th
House Sponsor: Leverett, 123rd**Senate Cmte:** Banking
House Cmte: Banks
Senate Vote: 53-0
House Vote: 168-0**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025
Sunset Date: N/A
Title(s): 8
Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 286)

Synopsis: This bill removes the requirement that the holders of a security interest in certain manufactured homes must execute and file a Certificate of Permanent Location with the owner of the home in order for the home to qualify as real property. It requires the DOR Commissioner (or any county tax commissioner when so authorized by the DOR Commissioner to act on their behalf in carrying out the responsibilities related to manufactured or mobile homes) to notify in writing all prior holders of a lien or security interest in a home that a Certificate of Permanent Location has been filed and Certificate of Title has been surrendered. This bill creates a preservation of rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes and new circumstances under which a manufactured home reverts back to personal property. It allows a prior holder of a lien or security interest in the home to continue to hold the same priority in the home as if the home was still classified as personal property.

SENATE BILL 121**Increases the Required Uninsured Motorist Coverage for Certain Individuals****Senate Sponsor:** Harbin, 16th
House Sponsor: Lumsden, 12th**Senate Cmte:** I&L
House Cmte: Insurance
Senate Vote: 51-2
House Vote: 157-11**Effective Date:** May 14, 2025
Sunset Date: N/A
Title(s): 33, 40
Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 287)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits any person convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol with a BAC of 0.08 grams or higher, drugs, or other intoxicating substances from operating any motor vehicle in Georgia unless the individual has the required increased motor vehicle liability insurance. This bill requires individuals to keep proof or evidence of this coverage while operating any motor vehicle. These individuals must keep this increased coverage in lieu of existing minimum UM coverage for 3 years, uninterrupted.

SENATE BILL 123**Updates State Compulsory Attendance Procedure to Address Chronic Absenteeism****Senate Sponsor:** Kennedy, 18th
House Sponsor: Dubnik, 29th**Senate Cmte:** Ed & Youth
House Cmte: Education
Senate Vote: 54-0
House Vote: 160-1**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025
Sunset Date: N/A
Title(s): 20
Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 16)

Synopsis: This bill exempts students with high school equivalency (HSE) diplomas from compulsory attendance and adds addressing chronic absenteeism as a goal of schools and student attendance and climate committees.

SENATE BILL 125**Revises Certification Requirements for Professional Engineers and State Construction Industry Licensing Board Updates****Senate Sponsor:** Walker III, 20th
House Sponsor: Hawkins, 27th**Senate Cmte:** Reg. Industries
House Cmte: Reg. Industries
Senate Vote: 37-14
House Vote: 104-61**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025
Sunset Date: N/A
Title(s): 8, 10, 36, 43, 46
Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 93)

Synopsis: This bill revises the membership of the State Construction Industry Licensing board and code provisions related to electrical contractors, plumbers, HVAC contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors.

SENATE BILL 130**Allows Designated Institutions to Offer Residency or Fellowship Programs; Authorizes Resident and Fellowship Physicians to Qualify for Service Cancelable Loans**

Senate Sponsor: Hodges, 3rd	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Townsend, 179th	House Cmte: Health	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-4	Title(s): 31
	House Vote: 155-7	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 185)

Synopsis: This bill allows certain CMS medical facilities to offer the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-approved residency or fellowship programs and fellowship physicians to participate in these programs. It authorizes resident and fellow physicians to qualify for service cancelable loans under the Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses for Rural Areas Assistance Act.

SENATE BILL 132**Requires a Hearing Before a Court Orders a Mental Competency Evaluation**

Senate Sponsor: Strickland, 42nd	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: T. Smith, 18th	House Cmte: Jud. Non-Civil	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-1	Title(s): 17
	House Vote: 142-24	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 288)

Synopsis: This bill requires a hearing before a court orders an evaluation of an accused's mental competency to stand trial and establishes competency evaluation procedures and timelines.

SENATE BILL 138**Provides for the Transition of Services Related to Newly Incorporated Municipalities**

Senate Sponsor: Dixon, 45th	Senate Cmte: SLOGO	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: Efstration, 104th	House Cmte: Intra. Coord.	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 32-22	Title(s): 33, 36
	House Vote: 96-69	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 289)

Synopsis: This bill provides for the transition of certain services related to newly incorporated municipalities in certain counties. This bill requires the pro rata return of collected taxes or fees if a qualified municipality succeeds the county mid fiscal year in providing certain local government services. The bill stipulates that the incorporation of a qualified municipality must not require the county or any municipality located in it to renegotiate a service delivery agreement.

SENATE BILL 139**Changes the Corporate Limits of the City of Mulberry**

Senate Sponsor: Dixon, 45th	Senate Cmte: SLOGO	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: Efstration, 104th	House Cmte: Intra. Coord.	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 31-22	Title(s): N/A
	House Vote: 96-74	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 356)

Synopsis: This bill changes the corporate limits of the City of Mulberry by adding parcels of land to the city.

SENATE BILL 140**Authorizes an Optometrist to Dispense and Sell Pharmaceutical Agents****Senate Sponsor:** Dolezal, 27th**Senate Cmte:** HHS**Effective Date:** May 13, 2025**House Sponsor:** Gambill, 15th**House Cmte:** Health**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 15, 43**House Vote:** 166-0**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 194)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes optometrists to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents to patients under certain conditions.

SENATE BILL 141**Extends the Appeal and Protest Period for Certain Tax Assessments****Senate Sponsor:** Hatchett, 50th**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Hong, 103rd**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 47-6**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 166-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 290)

Synopsis: This bill extends the appeal and protest periods from 30 days to 45 days for certain tax assessments. It clarifies that the DOR Commissioner must make their assessment within one year from the date the relevant return was filed. This bill authorizes income-producing real property that is classified as a rehabilitated or landmark historic property to continue its classification and preferential assessment for up to an additional 12 years subject to the approval of the local government.

SENATE BILL 144**Pesticide Warning Labels****Senate Sponsor:** S. Watson, 11th**Senate Cmte:** Agriculture**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** O'Steen, 169th**House Cmte:** Agriculture**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 42-12**Title(s):** 2**House Vote:** 101-58**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 94)

Synopsis: This bill provides that the approved warning label on any pesticide registered with the Georgia Department of Agriculture or the federal Environmental Protection Agency is a sufficient warning or label for purposes of any action brought under any provision of Georgia law concerning the duty to warn or label. This provision does not apply if the EPA determines that a manufacturer knowingly withheld, concealed, misrepresented, or destroyed material information regarding human health risks in order to obtain or maintain label approval.

SENATE BILL 145**Additional Judge for the Augusta Judicial Circuit****Senate Sponsor:** Burns, 23rd**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** Multiple**House Sponsor:** Newton, 127th**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 53-0**Title(s):** 15**House Vote:** 172-0**Signed:** April 30, 2025 (Act 26)

Synopsis: This bill adds a judge to the Augusta Judicial Circuit to increase the total number of superior court judges from five to six.

SENATE BILL 147**Permits the Release of Certain Information for Inmates Upon Release**

Senate Sponsor: Rhett, 33rd	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Werkheiser, 157th	House Cmte: Public Safety	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-0	Title(s): 42
	House Vote: 163-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 312)

Synopsis: This bill permits the Department of Corrections to provide released inmates with certain documentation, including a Program and Treatment Completion Certificate, if eligible, to assist in obtaining post-release employment. This bill exempts certain inmates from educational programming requirements.

SENATE BILL 149**Tuition Equalization Grants at Private Colleges and Universities - Revised Definition**

Senate Sponsor: Hickman, 4th	Senate Cmte: Higher Ed	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gaines, 120th	House Cmte: Higher Ed	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-4	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 162-2	Signed: April 30, 2025 (Act 21)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires private colleges and universities to satisfy certain criteria to be eligible for receipt of tuition equalization grants. This bill revises the definition of ‘approved school’ by requiring the institution be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a Level VI institution and requiring that the institution has been located in Georgia and met all requirements since on or before January 1, 2021.

SENATE BILL 153**Code Revision Commission Recommended Edits to the Code of Georgia Annotated**

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Yearta, 152nd	House Cmte: Code Revision	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-1	Title(s): Various
	House Vote: 169-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 371)

Synopsis: This bill incorporates edits to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated as recommended by the Code Revision Commission to revise, modernize, and correct errors in the Code. The bill also reenacts the statutory portion of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

SENATE BILL 154**Revises References to the U.S. Department of Education**

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: Dubnik, 29th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 44-8	Title(s): 20, 35, 43
	House Vote: 144-15	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 291)

Synopsis: This bill revises references to the United States Department of Education in Georgia law and replaces a reference to United States Department of Education student aid reports with FAFSA submission summary.

SENATE BILL 180**Apprenticeship Sponsors under the High Demand Apprenticeship Program**

Senate Sponsor: Dixon, 45th	Senate Cmte: Higher Ed	Effective Date: April 28, 2025
House Sponsor: Dubnik, 29th	House Cmte: Higher Ed	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-1	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 158-0	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 19)

Synopsis: Under Georgia law, only employer sponsors are allowed to apply to the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia for an opportunity to enter into a contract under the High Demand Apprenticeship Program. This bill allows apprenticeship sponsors to also apply for these contracts and allows apprenticeship sponsors to receive contract completion awards upon the successful completion of the requirements of a contract.

SENATE BILL 185**Prohibits Use of State Funds to Provide Certain Treatments for State Inmates**

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: May 8, 2025
House Sponsor: Hilton, 48th	House Cmte: Public Safety	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 37-15	Title(s): 42
	House Vote: 100-2	Signed: May 8, 2025 (Act 69)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits the use of any state funds or resources for the following treatments for state inmates: sex reassignment surgeries or any other surgical procedures that are performed for the purpose of altering primary or secondary sexual characteristics; hormone replacement therapies; and cosmetic procedures or prosthetics intended to alter the appearance of primary or secondary sexual characteristics. This bill provides limited exceptions to this prohibition.

SENATE BILL 191**Requires the Department of Labor to Print the Issue Date on its Determinations and Decisions**

Senate Sponsor: Still, 48th	Senate Cmte: I&L	Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Howard, 71st	House Cmte: Ind. & Labor	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 38-16	Title(s): 34
	House Vote: 146-16	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 292)

Synopsis: This bill requires the Department of Labor to print the issue date on a determination or decision issued by the department. Through the promulgation of administrative rules, the Commissioner may waive, alter, extend, or set aside time limit provisions for when a DOL determination or decision becomes final. Any such rule must be consistent with due process to all interested parties.

SENATE BILL 193**Adult Workforce High School Diploma Program**

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: Higher Ed	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gaines, 120th	House Cmte: Higher Ed	Sunset Date: July 1, 2031
	Senate Vote: 50-1	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 159-2	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 20)

Synopsis: This bill establishes the Adult Workforce High School Diploma Program which allows eligible students, between 21 and 40 years old, to be awarded a high school diploma upon completion of the program.

SENATE BILL 199**Prohibits State Ethics Commission from Accepting or Rejecting Complaints 60 Days Prior to an Election**

Senate Sponsor: S. Watson, 11th	Senate Cmte: Ethics	Effective Date: January 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Cannon, 172nd	House Cmte: Gov. Affairs	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 21
	House Vote: 167-1	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 293)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits the State Ethics Commission from accepting or rejecting complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election. It requires campaign and personal finance disclosure reports for local elected officials to be filed with the Commission instead of locally. The bill also requires candidates for municipal, county, and local board of education offices to make filings at the time of qualifying acknowledging state requirements for training or supplemental education if they are elected or re-elected.

SENATE BILL 201**Increases Consumer Protections for Homeowners After Natural Disasters**

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: I&L	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Hagan, 156th	House Cmte: Agriculture	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-1	Title(s): 10, 33
	House Vote: 163-1	Signed: May 8, 2025 (Act 71)

Synopsis: This bill increases consumer protections for homeowners against certain unfair or deceptive acts or practices following natural disasters. This bill prohibits insurers from selling policies allowing the assignment of proceeds to contractors within one year of a natural disaster which causes damage to an insured's residential property.

SENATE BILL 212**Prohibits the Disclosure of Public Student Directory Information**

Senate Sponsor: Still, 48th	Senate Cmte: Ethics	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: T. Jones, 25th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-0	Title(s): 20, 21
	House Vote: 98-66	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 313)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits the disclosure of public student directory information to unauthorized persons.

SENATE BILL 213**Classification of Commercial Cheating as an Unfair or Deceptive Act or Practice**

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Martin, 49th	House Cmte: Reg. Industries	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-1	Title(s): 10
	House Vote: 155-7	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 300)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits any person from providing or facilitating the provision of any substantially completed work product to a student or examinee for a commercial purpose.

SENATE BILL 233**Amends the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission’s Subcommittees**

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: Cooper, 45th	House Cmte: P&CH	Sunset Date: December 31, 2026
	Senate Vote: 51-4	Title(s): 37
	House Vote: 164-2	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 294)

Synopsis: This bill increases the membership composition of the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission from 24 members to 30 members. It modifies two of the commission’s subcommittees as follows: removes the Involuntary Commitment subcommittee and replaces it with the Addictive Diseases subcommittee, and removes the Workforce and System Development subcommittee and replaces it with the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities subcommittee.

SENATE BILL 241**Organic Human Reduction**

Senate Sponsor: Williams, 25th	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Powell, 33rd	House Cmte: Reg. Industries	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-1	Title(s): 10, 31, 36, 43
	House Vote: 157-4	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 82)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies. This bill requires separate licensure to operate an organic human reduction facility and requires a disposition permit for the organic human reduction of a deceased human body or fetus.

SENATE BILL 244**Awarding Attorney’s Fees when Prosecutor Disqualified for Misconduct**

Senate Sponsor: Beach, 21st	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: Multiple
House Sponsor: Martin, 49th	House Cmte: Jud. Non-Civil	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 35-18	Title(s): 17
	House Vote: 103-61	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 361)

Synopsis: This bill allows an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a criminal case to the defendant upon the defendant making a successful motion to disqualify the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with the case. This bill also establishes procedures for wrongful conviction and incarceration compensation claims.

SENATE BILL 245**Allows Grandparents to Petition to Revoke or Amend Visitation Orders**

Senate Sponsor: Hodges, 3rd	Senate Cmte: C&F	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Townsend, 179th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-0	Title(s): 19
	House Vote: 160-1	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 186)

Synopsis: This bill allows the parent of a minor child’s deceased, incapacitated, or incarcerated parent to petition to amend or revoke a grandparent visitation order.

SENATE BILL 252**Authorizes Conveyance of Municipal Property to an Independent School System**

Senate Sponsor: Halpern, 39th	Senate Cmte: SLOGO	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Holland, 54th	House Cmte: Intra. Coord.	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-0	Title(s): 36
	House Vote: 169-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 295)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes municipalities to lease, grant easements over, or convey property to an independent school system operating within that municipality.

SENATE BILL 256**Required Disclosure of Acquisitions Made by Electric Membership Corporations**

Senate Sponsor: Cowsert, 46th	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Martin, 49th	House Cmte: EU&T	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-2	Title(s): 46
	House Vote: 163-1	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 296)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires EMCs to disclose any transaction that results in more than fifteen percent of its net utility plant, excluding certain generation and transmission assets, being invested in, lent to, or secured for the benefit of its EMC gas affiliate. This bill requires certain information to be included in such disclosures.

SENATE BILL 259**Ridge’s Law**

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: C&F	Effective Date: May 12, 2025
House Sponsor: Ballinger, 23rd	House Cmte: Judiciary Juvenile	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 15
	House Vote: 163-0	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 121)

Synopsis: This bill requires a physician holding a child in temporary protective custody to inform DFCS of the basis for the determination, as well as to inform the parent(s) of their right to obtain a pediatric specialty consultation. Courts must consider consultation results in any subsequent dependency proceedings.

SENATE BILL 276**Requires All Applicable Insurers to Accept Certain Payments**

Senate Sponsor: Echols, 49th	Senate Cmte: I&L	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gambill, 15th	House Cmte: Insurance	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-1	Title(s): 49
	House Vote: 168-2	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 297)

Synopsis: This bill requires all insurers to accept the Department of Community Health’s payment for a healthcare item or service on behalf of a recipient of medical assistance as the third-party payer’s authorization for the provision of those services. This bill further requires all insurers to respond to a DCH inquiry regarding the status of a claim for payment for any healthcare item or service within 60 days of receiving the inquiry.

SENATE BILL 291**America First License Plate**

Senate Sponsor: Gooch, 51st	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Momtahan, 17th	House Cmte: Motor Vehicles	Sunset Date: Date
	Senate Vote: 33-21	Title(s): 40
	House Vote: 95-68	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 301)

Synopsis: This bill establishes a specialty “America First” license plate.

SENATE BILL 298**Direct Appeal of a Denial of Immunity****Senate Sponsor:** Robertson, 29th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Leverett, 123rd**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 44-8**Title(s):** 5**House Vote:** 142-23**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 298)

Synopsis: Georgia law allows for a direct appeal of certain judgements and rulings in civil actions to be taken to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. This bill grants this right of direct appeal to all judgments, orders, or rulings denying or refusing to grant immunity to any party based upon sovereign, municipal, official, qualified, judicial or legislative immunity or legislative privilege.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS**SENATE RESOLUTION 5****Senate Special Committee on Investigations****Senate Sponsor:** Dolezal, 27th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Senate Vote:** 33-23

Synopsis: This resolution reauthorizes the Senate Special Committee on Investigations and provides for the issuance of compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses or the production of materials.

SENATE RESOLUTION 7**Senate Road and Bridge Dedications****Senate Sponsor:** Dolezal, 27th**Senate Cmte:** Transportation**House Sponsor:** Jasperse, 11th**House Cmte:** Transportation**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 366)**Senate Vote:** 50-0**House Vote:** 174-0

Synopsis: This resolution dedicates certain portions of the state highway system.

SENATE RESOLUTION 8**Senate Road-Naming Resolution****Senate Sponsor:** Anavitarte, 31st**Senate Cmte:** Transportation**House Sponsor:** Prince, 132nd**House Cmte:** Transportation**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 368)**Senate Vote:** 49-0**House Vote:** 168-0

Synopsis: This resolution dedicates certain portions of the state highway system.

SENATE RESOLUTION 96**Purebred Dog Day****Senate Sponsor:** Dixon, 45th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Senate Vote:** 40-9

Synopsis: This resolution recognizes May 1, 2025 as Purebred Dog Day at the state capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION 148
Recognizes and Commends Taiwan

Senate Sponsor: Rhett, 33rd
Senate Cmte: Rules
Senate Vote: 47-5

Synopsis: This resolution commends Taiwan for its relations with the United States and State of Georgia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 231
Senate Road-Naming Resolution

Senate Sponsor: Albers, 56th
House Sponsor: Hilton, 48th
Senate Cmte: Transportation
House Cmte: Transportation
Senate Vote: 52-0
House Vote: 163-0
Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 369)

Synopsis: This resolution dedicates certain portions of the state highway system.

SENATE RESOLUTION 237
Recommendations to Strengthen the Education Workforce

Senate Sponsor: Hickman, 4th
Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth
Senate Vote: 53-0

Synopsis: This resolution encourages the Professional Standards Commission to collaborate with certain state agencies to provide recommendations to strengthen the education workforce.

SENATE RESOLUTION 245
Commends Doug Collins

Senate Sponsor: Gooch, 51st
Senate Cmte: Veterans
Senate Vote: 37-10

Synopsis: This resolution commends Doug Collins upon his nomination to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 246
Commends President Donald J. Trump

Senate Sponsor: Gooch, 51st
Senate Cmte: Rules
Senate Vote: 31-18

Synopsis: This resolution commends President Donald J. Trump for his re-election.

SENATE RESOLUTION 247
Commends Kelly Loeffler

Senate Sponsor: Gooch, 51st
Senate Cmte: EDT
Senate Vote: 35-14

Synopsis: This resolution commends Kelly Loeffler for her appointment to serve as the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SENATE RESOLUTION 292
Additional Authority for the Senate Special Committee on Investigations

Senate Sponsor: Cowsert, 46th
Senate Cmte: Rules
Senate Vote: 33-21

Synopsis: This resolution further authorizes the Senate Special Committee on Investigations to investigate matters outside its original purview and grants the committee subpoena powers to carry out its responsibilities. It provides numerous examples of incidents and allegations that warrant further study by the special committee.

HOUSE BILLS

HOUSE BILL 15

Banking and Finance Updates

Senate Sponsor: Kennedy, 18th

Senate Cmte: Banking

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

House Sponsor: Williamson, 112th

House Cmte: Banks

Sunset Date: N/A

Senate Vote: 46-1

Title(s): 7

House Vote: 163-1

Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 250)

Synopsis: This bill revises various provisions throughout Title 7 regarding banks and other financial institutions.

HOUSE BILL 36

Revises Process for Appointing a Guardian or Conservator

Senate Sponsor: B. Watson, 1st

Senate Cmte: Judiciary

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

House Sponsor: Leverett, 123rd

House Cmte: Judiciary

Sunset Date: N/A

Senate Vote: 49-4

Title(s): 29

House Vote: 165-2

Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 114)

Synopsis: Under Georgia law, the process for appointing a guardian or conservator involves petitions sworn by two or more petitioners or supported by an affidavit of a physician, psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker. This same list is authorized to: evaluate a proposed ward, provide a supporting affidavit for a petition for the appointment of an emergency guardian or conservator, or provide a supporting affidavit for modification of the guardianship or conservatorship. This bill adds physician assistant, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health, and professional counselor to this list.

HOUSE BILL 37

Revises Health Insurance Employee Contributions for Local Boards of Education; Notice Regarding Social Security Withholdings for School Employees

Senate Sponsor: Setzler, 37th

Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

House Sponsor: Leverett, 123rd

House Cmte: Education

Sunset Date: N/A

Senate Vote: 52-1

Title(s): 20

House Vote: 163-0

Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 170)

Synopsis: Current law authorizes local boards of education to provide medical and dental insurance to members who elect to participate; however, any remaining insurance costs, including all costs for family members, must be paid by the board member as an employee contribution. This bill removes the costs for family members as an employee contribution, providing for the payment of such costs. This bill also requires local school systems to provide certain information regarding social security coverage to employees.

HOUSE BILL 38

Revises Definition of Eligible Student under the Needs Based Financial Aid Program

Senate Sponsor: Burns, 23rd

Senate Cmte: Higher Ed

Effective Date: May 12, 2025

House Sponsor: Martin, 49th

House Cmte: Higher Ed

Sunset Date: June 30, 2029

Senate Vote: 46-5

Title(s): 20

House Vote: 169-3

Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 118)

Synopsis: Georgia law provides for a Needs Based Financial Aid Program. This bill revises eligibility requirements under this program.

HOUSE BILL 53**Eligibility for Interment in Georgia’s Veterans Cemeteries****Senate Sponsor:** Williams, 25th**Senate Cmte:** Veterans**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Bonner, 73rd**House Cmte:** D&VA**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 54-0**Title(s):** 38**House Vote:** 163-0**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 179)*Synopsis:* This bill updates the eligibility criteria for interment in Georgia’s veteran’s cemeteries.**HOUSE BILL 55****Additional Judge for the Alapaha Circuit****Senate Sponsor:** Goodman, 8th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** May 13, 2025**House Sponsor:** Ford, 170th**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-1**Title(s):** 15**House Vote:** 166-0**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 171)*Synopsis:* This bill adds a judge to the Alapaha Judicial Circuit to increase the total number of superior court judges from two to three.**HOUSE BILL 58****Prohibits the Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems at Certain Events****Senate Sponsor:** Brass, 6th**Senate Cmte:** Transportation**Effective Date:** April 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Richardson, 125th**House Cmte:** Tech. & Infrastructure**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 54-0**Title(s):** 6**House Vote:** 162-1**Signed:** April 1, 2025 (Act 4)*Synopsis:* This bill prohibits the use of unmanned aircraft systems at certain events. This bill provides limited exceptions to this prohibition.**HOUSE BILL 74****Clarifies that COAM Rules & Regulations are Subject to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act****Senate Sponsor:** Dixon, 45th**Senate Cmte:** EDT**Effective Date:** May 9, 2025**House Sponsor:** Powell, 33rd**House Cmte:** Reg. Industries**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-0**Title(s):** 50**House Vote:** 169-0**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 76)*Synopsis:* This bill clarifies that relevant rules and regulations regarding COAMs are subject to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act unless explicitly otherwise provided by law.**HOUSE BILL 78****Increases the Amounts Certain Retirement Systems May Invest in Alternative Investments****Senate Sponsor:** Williams, 25th**Senate Cmte:** Retirement**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Franklin, 160th**House Cmte:** Retirement**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 35-18**Title(s):** 47**House Vote:** 161-9**Signed:** May 1, 2025 (Act 63)*Synopsis:* Georgia law allows certain retirement systems to invest a limited amount of assets in alternative investments. This bill increases the limit for the Georgia Firefighters’ Pension Fund from 15 percent of its assets to 20 percent and increases the limit for the Employees’ Retirement System from 5 percent of its assets 10 percent.

HOUSE BILL 81**Interstate Compact for School Psychologists**

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Ballard, 147th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 48-2	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 165-2	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 12)

Synopsis: This bill enters Georgia into an interstate compact for school psychologists.

HOUSE BILL 85**Superior Court Judicial Compensation Reform Act**

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Leverett, 123rd	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-2	Title(s): 1, 15, 45
	House Vote: 163-7	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 112)

Synopsis: This bill revises the salary and compensation received by superior court judges by setting the maximum annual salary of each superior court judge to 90 percent of the annual salary for the judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia and prohibiting county supplement pay.

HOUSE BILL 86**Judicial Salaries**

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Leverett, 123rd	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 46-2	Title(s): 45
	House Vote: 167-6	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 113)

Synopsis: Georgia law specifies dollar amounts for the salaries of Supreme Court justices, judges of the Court of Appeals, and judges of the State-wide Business Court. This bill removes these dollar amounts and uses ratios based on the salary for judges of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia to calculate judicial salaries.

HOUSE BILL 89**Creates the Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee; Amends Certain Provision Related to Maternal Mortality**

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Cooper, 45th	House Cmte: P&CH	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-1	Title(s): 31, 37, 45
	House Vote: 168-7	Signed: May 1, 2025 (Act 43)

Synopsis: This bill establishes the Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee. The bill also revises existing provisions related to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

HOUSE BILL 90**Increases the Acreage Maximum for Conservation Use Property**

Senate Sponsor: S. Watson, 11th	Senate Cmte: Finance	Effective Date: January 1, 2027
House Sponsor: Efstrotation, 104th	House Cmte: Ways & Means	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 47-3	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 111-62	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 78)

Synopsis: Georgia law prohibits a single owner from having an interest in more than 2,000 acres of tangible real property that is placed in the conservation use valuation assessment (CUVA) program. This bill increases the acreage maximum that an individual may own to 4,000 acres.

HOUSE BILL 92**Revises the State-Wide Base Year Homestead Exemption****Senate Sponsor:** Hufstetler, 52nd**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** April 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Blackmon, 146th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** Multiple**Senate Vote:** 52-2**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 165-0**Signed:** April 1, 2025 (Act 5)

Synopsis: This bill revises and clarifies various provisions related to the statewide homestead exemption authorized by HB 581 in the 2024 Legislative Session. It also revises provisions related to a special district sales and use tax.

HOUSE BILL 94**Requires Health Benefit Policies to Cover Certain Fertility Services****Senate Sponsor:** Hufstetler, 52nd**Senate Cmte:** I&L**Effective Date:** May 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Lumsden, 12th**House Cmte:** Health**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-1**Title(s):** 33**House Vote:** 162-3**Signed:** May 1, 2025 (Act 42)

Synopsis: This bill requires every health benefit policy renewed or issued after January 1, 2026 to include coverage for standard fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility in any covered person. This bill prohibits insurers from imposing special deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, or other limitations on these services.

HOUSE BILL 111**Reduces the Individual Income Tax Rate****Senate Sponsor:** Hatchett, 50th**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Hong, 103rd**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 30-23**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 110-60**Signed:** April 15, 2025 (Act 7)

Synopsis: This bill decreases the individual income tax rate from 5.39 percent to 5.19 percent. This rate change becomes effective and applies to tax years beginning on January 1, 2025. The effective date of the reduction rate begins on January 1, 2026.

HOUSE BILL 112**Creates One-Time Tax Refund or Credit for Qualified Taxpayers****Senate Sponsor:** Echols, 49th**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** April 15, 2025**House Sponsor:** McDonald, 26th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 175-0**Signed:** April 15, 2025 (Act 8)

Synopsis: This bill requires the DOR to automatically credit a qualified taxpayer with a one-time refund after they file their 2024 tax return. In order to qualify, a taxpayer must: have filed their tax returns in 2023 and 2024; not be a nonresident alien, claimed as a dependent (for federal or state taxes) by another taxpayer in 2023, an estate, or trust; and include claimed dependents that are excluded solely based on their status as a dependent so long as they have earned income in 2023.

HOUSE BILL 113**Prohibits State Agencies from Purchasing Goods from Certain Foreign Countries****Senate Sponsor:** Hatchett, 50th**Senate Cmte:** Gov. Oversight**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** McDonald, 26th**House Cmte:** Gov. Affairs**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-0**Title(s):** 50**House Vote:** 146-18**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 86)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits the state or its entities from purchasing goods from certain foreign countries or related entities. It requires the Georgia Technology Authority to create a list of ‘concerned goods’ which the state or its agencies are prohibited from purchasing. The bill creates penalties for foreign companies of concern or third-party vendors or resellers who sell concerned goods, as defined by the bill.

HOUSE BILL 114**Updates Reference to Federal Regulations****Senate Sponsor:** Robertson, 29th**Senate Cmte:** Transportation**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** McDonald, 26th**House Cmte:** Motor Vehicles**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 40**House Vote:** 165-0**Signed:** May 8, 2025 (Act 66)

Synopsis: This bill updates the reference date to the federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles in effect on January 1, 2025.

HOUSE BILL 116**Renames the Motor Vehicle Compliance Division the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division****Senate Sponsor:** Robertson, 29th**Senate Cmte:** Transportation**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** McDonald, 26th**House Cmte:** Motor Vehicles**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-0**Title(s):** 35, 40**House Vote:** 162-5**Signed:** May 8, 2025 (Act 67)

Synopsis: This bill changes the name of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety to Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

HOUSE BILL 123**Determination of Intellectual Disability in Cases where the Death Penalty is Sought****Senate Sponsor:** Strickland, 42nd**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** May 13, 2025**House Sponsor:** Werkheiser, 157th**House Cmte:** Jud. Non-Civil**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 53-1**Title(s):** 17**House Vote:** 150-3**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 191)

Synopsis: This bill allows an accused to file a pretrial notice of intent to raise a claim of intellectual disability and establishes procedures for a pretrial hearing on whether the defendant has intellectual disability. If the accused is found to have intellectual disability, the state is prohibited from seeking the death penalty.

HOUSE BILL 129**Revises the Qualifications for Certain Business Entities Who Lease a Bona Fide Conservation Use Property****Senate Sponsor:** S. Watson, 11th**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** May 14, 2025**House Sponsor:** Cannon, 172nd**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** Multiple**Senate Vote:** 44-9**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 149-13**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 251)

Synopsis: This bill removes the limitation on property from qualifying for the CUVA program when such property is leased by business entities that would not be entitled to conservation use assessment. It establishes qualifying criteria for such business entities. This bill renews the tax credit for postproduction expenditures beginning on January 1, 2026 until it sunsets on January 1, 2031.

HOUSE BILL 131**Revises Advertisement Requirements Before an Owner of a Self-service Storage Facility May Enforce an Owner's Lien****Senate Sponsor:** Strickland, 42nd**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Reeves, 99th**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 54-0**Title(s):** 10**House Vote:** 163-1**Signed:** May 12, 2025 (Act 125)

Synopsis: Before enforcing an owner's lien without judicial intervention, Georgia law requires an owner of a self-storage facility to meet certain requirements. This bill revises the advertisement requirements before an owner of may enforce an owner's lien.

HOUSE BILL 136**Tax Credit for Foster Child Support Organizations****Senate Sponsor:** Strickland, 42nd**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Newton, 127th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** Multiple**Senate Vote:** 54-0**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 163-4**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 182)

Synopsis: This bill increases the existing income tax credit for qualified child and dependent care expenses from 30 percent to 50 percent of the allowed federal child and dependent care credit. It creates the Georgia Child Tax Credit that allows a credit of \$250 per qualifying child under the age six and a tax credit for employers who make eligible child care payments for employees. It expands the income tax credit for contributions to foster child support organizations to include certain insurance companies, justice involved youth, and licensed child-caring institutions.

HOUSE BILL 137**Increases the Dollar Value Exemption Threshold of Certain Contracts****Senate Sponsor:** Brass, 6th**Senate Cmte:** SLOGO**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Anderson, 10th**House Cmte:** Gov. Affairs**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 45-5**Title(s):** 13, 20, 32, 36, 50**House Vote:** 152-9**Signed:** May 12, 2025 (Act 129)

Synopsis: This bill increases the dollar value exemption threshold of certain government contracts. These include, but are not limited to, public works construction contracts, public school construction contracts, and municipal road system contracts.

HOUSE BILL 143**Revises Provisions Regarding Water-Measuring Devices for Farm Use of Surface and Ground Water****Senate Sponsor:** S. Watson, 11th**Senate Cmte:** Nat. Resources**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Dickey, 134th**House Cmte:** Nat. Resources**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 53-0**Title(s):** 12**House Vote:** 165-0**Signed:** May 8, 2025 (Act 72)

Synopsis: Georgia law prohibits the withdrawal, diversion, or impoundment of any surface or ground water in Georgia for agricultural use without a permit issued by the Environmental Protection Division. This bill revises existing provisions regarding permit processes and water use measurement, particularly as they relate to agricultural operations located in the Flint River basin. This bill authorizes EPD, in certain circumstances, to direct certified division employees to install and maintain water measuring devices at no cost to permittees.

HOUSE BILL 144**Revises Tax Credit for Certain Medical Preceptor Rotations****Senate Sponsor:** Hufstetler, 52nd**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Newton, 127th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** December 31, 2030**Senate Vote:** 48-5**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 171-2**Signed:** April 30, 2025 (Act 24)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes dentistry programs to participate in the Preceptor Tax Incentive Program. It sets this credit's annual aggregate maximum at \$6 million and increases the credit amount per preceptorship rotation: for physicians and dentists \$1,000 and for APRNs and PAs \$750.

HOUSE BILL 148**Revises Education and Experience Requirements for CPAs****Senate Sponsor:** Hickman, 4th**Senate Cmte:** Reg. Industries**Effective Date:** January 1, 2026**House Sponsor:** Carson, 46th**House Cmte:** Reg. Industries**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 43**House Vote:** 172-0**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 87)

Synopsis: This bill creates two new pathways to CPA licensure. In addition, this bill expands the practice privileges of CPAs licensed in other states.

HOUSE BILL 150**Combating Threats from Foreign Countries of Concern Act of 2025 - Higher Education****Senate Sponsor:** Dixon, 45th**Senate Cmte:** Higher Ed**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Fleming, 114th**House Cmte:** Higher Ed**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 32-19**Title(s):** 20**House Vote:** 98-64**Signed:** May 12, 2025 (Act 127)

Synopsis: This bill requires the University System of Georgia to report all funding, exceeding \$1,000, received from a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern to the Governor and certain Chairpersons in the House and Senate.

HOUSE BILL 153**Extends Sunset Date for the Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Maintenance and Replacement Parts for Certain Machinery Used to Mix or Transport Concrete**

Senate Sponsor: Williams, 25th	Senate Cmte: Finance	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Camp, 135th	House Cmte: Ways & Means	Sunset Date: June 30, 2031
	Senate Vote: 44-7	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 168-3	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 80)

Synopsis: This bill extends the sunset date from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2031, for the sales and use tax exemption allowed for the maintenance and replacement parts of certain machinery or equipment used to mix or transport concrete.

HOUSE BILL 155**Revises Procedures Pertaining to Arbitration and Other Resolution of Annexation Disputes**

Senate Sponsor: Echols, 49th	Senate Cmte: SLOGO	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Anderson, 10th	House Cmte: Gov. Affairs	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 36-17	Title(s): 5, 36
	House Vote: 117-49	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 128)

Synopsis: This bill revises who may serve as arbitrators in annexation disputes as well as how arbitrators are selected. The bill also changes how members of arbitration panels must report their findings. Additionally, the bill authorizes the appeal of superior court decisions concerning zoning decisions of counties and municipal corporations to the Georgia Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. The bill requires that in certain instances the voters of a county must approve of annexation via referendum. Under the bill, certain municipalities may enact ordinances to prohibit county development authorities in a ‘massively municipalized county’, as defined by the bill, from undertaking local property tax incentive projects.

HOUSE BILL 156**Authorizes DOT to Regulate Vertiports**

Senate Sponsor: Beach, 21st	Senate Cmte: Transportation	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: T. Jones, 25th	House Cmte: Tech. & Infrastructure	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-0	Title(s): 6, 48
	House Vote: 159-3	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 172)

Synopsis: This bill establishes the GDOT’s authority over vertiports. GDOT must plan for and establish a long-term policy regarding the establishment, development, and maintenance of landing fields. This bill revises the definition of “tourism product development” in O.C.G.A. 48-13-50.2 (relating to excise tax on rooms, lodging, and accommodations) to include air service product expansion at air carrier airports.

HOUSE BILL 159**Increases the Outstanding Bond Limit Authorized by the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority Act**

Senate Sponsor: Echols, 49th	Senate Cmte: EDT	Effective Date: May 13, 2025
House Sponsor: Crowe, 118th	House Cmte: Banks & Banking	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-6	Title(s): 50
	House Vote: 162-10	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 173)

Synopsis: Georgia law prohibits the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority from having outstanding bonds and notes for the single-family residential housing program exceeding an aggregated amount of \$3 billion. This bill increases the outstanding bond limit to \$6 billion.

HOUSE BILL 161**Subpoenas for Electronic Communication Records****Senate Sponsor:** Albers, 56th**House Sponsor:** Crowe, 118th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**House Cmte:** Jud. Non-Civil**Senate Vote:** 48-4**House Vote:** 150-18**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**Sunset Date:** N/A**Title(s):** 16, 20, 35, 38**Signed:** May 8, 2025 (Act 68)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes the GBI to issue subpoenas of electronic communication records for purposes of investigating certain crimes relating to cyber enabled threats to life and property.

HOUSE BILL 164**Authorizes Law Enforcement to Issue Certain Citations****Senate Sponsor:** Goodman, 8th**House Sponsor:** Meeks, 178th**Senate Cmte:** Transportation**House Cmte:** Transportation**Senate Vote:** 55-1**House Vote:** 164-9**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**Sunset Date:** N/A**Title(s):** 32**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 174)

Synopsis: Georgia law authorizes the Department of Public Safety to issue citations to any vehicle owner or operator violating the maximum weight limit on a county road. This bill authorizes local law enforcement officers to enforce laws relating to vehicle weight limitations. Local law enforcement officers may issue citations for maximum weight violations on: county roads which are designated a local truck route with proper signage; and bridges with or without proper signage located within a county road or municipal street system.

HOUSE BILL 167**Authorizes Fluorescent Pink Hunting Outer Garments****Senate Sponsor:** Echols, 49th**House Sponsor:** Hagan, 156th**Senate Cmte:** Nat. Resources**House Cmte:** Game, Fish & Parks**Senate Vote:** 50-0**House Vote:** 159-0**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**Sunset Date:** Date**Title(s):** 27**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 84)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires bear, deer, and feral hog hunters or anyone accompanying a bear, deer, or feral hog hunter to wear an outer garment with a total of at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material. This bill authorizes hunters to wear outer garments with a total of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange or pink.

HOUSE BILL 172**Revises Veterinary Student Loan Forgiveness Program****Senate Sponsor:** Brass, 6th**House Sponsor:** Huddleston, 72nd**Senate Cmte:** Higher Ed**House Cmte:** Higher Ed**Senate Vote:** 43-4**House Vote:** 164-4**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**Sunset Date:** N/A**Title(s):** 20**Signed:** May 12, 2025 (Act 119)

Synopsis: Georgia law allows certain veterinarians to participate in loan forgiveness. This bill requires vets to have been practicing in food animal specialties for ten years or less in a county with a population of 50,000 or less to be eligible for loan forgiveness.

HOUSE BILL 175**Employee Comprehensive Background Checks for Early Care and Education Programs****Senate Sponsor:** Payne, 54th**Senate Cmte:** C&F**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Jones, 25th**House Cmte:** Education**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 54-0**Title(s):** 20**House Vote:** 170-0**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 175)

Synopsis: This bill requires GaDOE to receive applications for comprehensive records check determinations for employees of programs that receive federal funds for the care of children. Additionally, relevant personnel must submit information for determining suitability for child care employment.

HOUSE BILL 176**Out-of-Time Motion for New Trial or Notice of Appeal****Senate Sponsor:** Strickland, 42nd**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** May 14, 2025**House Sponsor:** Smith, 18th**House Cmte:** Jud. Non-Civil**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-0**Title(s):** 5, 17**House Vote:** 168-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 252)

Synopsis: This bill requires application for appeal for a direct appeal from a guilty plea, allows an out-of-time motion for a new trial or notice of appeal, and provides timeframes to respond to a motion for a new trial and to withdraw a guilty plea.

HOUSE BILL 177**Protections for Household Pets in Family and Dating Violence Protective Orders****Senate Sponsor:** Strickland, 42nd**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Cooper, 45th**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-1**Title(s):** 19**House Vote:** 164-3**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 189)

Synopsis: Georgia law allows family violence and dating violence protective orders to provide for possession of personal property of the parties. This bill includes the care, custody, and control of household pets held by either party or the child of either party in this provision of personal property.

HOUSE BILL 179**Digital Recording of Certain Trial Proceedings****Senate Sponsor:** Strickland, 42nd**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** January 1, 2026**House Sponsor:** T. Smith, 18th**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 5, 9, 15**House Vote:** 167-0**Signed:** April 30, 2025 (Act 23)

Synopsis: This bill allows certain trial proceedings to be recorded via a digital recording system and adopted and published by order of the Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the council of the affected class or classes of trial courts.

HOUSE BILL 180**Probate Judge Qualifications****Senate Sponsor:** Hatchett, 50th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Smith, 18th**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 48-2**Title(s):** 15**House Vote:** 171-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 254)

Synopsis: This bill revises qualification requirements for candidates for probate judge in any county with a population of more than 90,000 persons.

HOUSE BILL 192**Top State for Talent Act**

Senate Sponsor: Echols, 49th
House Sponsor: Gambill, 15th

Senate Cmte: Higher Ed
House Cmte: Education
Senate Vote: 48-1
House Vote: 155-1

Effective Date: July 1, 2025
Sunset Date: June 30, 2028
Title(s): 20, 34
Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 117)

Synopsis: This bill requires the State Workforce Development Board to oversee a return on investment analysis to evaluate and report on the effectiveness of secondary and postsecondary programs aligned with the priority areas identified by the Board and included on the High-demand Career List.

HOUSE BILL 196**Requires Reimbursements for Certain Prescription Drug Costs**

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th
House Sponsor: Kelley, 16th

Senate Cmte: I&L
House Cmte: Health
Senate Vote: 55-0
House Vote: 166-0

Effective Date: July 1, 2025
Sunset Date: N/A
Title(s): 45
Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 307)

Synopsis: This bill requires insurers to reimburse a pharmacy for drugs costs for certain covered persons according to the amounts listed. This bill prohibits insurers from circumventing these requirements (e.g., adjudicating claims through a prescription drug discount card or program).

HOUSE BILL 197**Requires Certain Efforts to be Made Before Any Adverse Determination**

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd
House Sponsor: Hawkins, 27th

Senate Cmte: I&L
House Cmte: Health
Senate Vote: 53-0
House Vote: 162-0

Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2026
Sunset Date: N/A
Title(s): 33
Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 303)

Synopsis: This bill establishes what efforts must be made by a private review agent or utilization review entity before an adverse determination may be made. This bill requires health insurers utilizing prior authorization requirements to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in these requirements. This bill establishes annual reporting requirements for these insurers.

HOUSE BILL 199**Protection of Personally Identifiable Information of Judges and their Spouses**

Senate Sponsor: Tillery, 19th
House Sponsor: Kelley, 16th

Senate Cmte: Judiciary
House Cmte: Judiciary
Senate Vote: 54-0
House Vote: 164-0

Effective Date: July 1, 2025
Sunset Date: N/A
Title(s): 15
Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 308)

Synopsis: This bill requires state and local governments to restrict any personally identifiable information that specifically identifies a protected person as a judge, justice, or spouse thereof and other personally identifiable information upon request of a protected person.

HOUSE BILL 208
Special License Plates

Senate Sponsor: Albers, 56th	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: May 13, 2025
House Sponsor: L. Smith, 70th	House Cmte: Motor Vehicles	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 40
	House Vote: 164-0	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 187)

Synopsis: The bill allows certain veterans to receive two free license plates. This bill establishes specialty license plates for the following: the Shepherd Center; Georgia Veterans and their families; Southern University Alumni; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Alabama State University Alumni; Georgia State Parks; and black bass populations.

HOUSE BILL 216
Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: EDT	Effective Date: May 13, 2025
House Sponsor: V. Smith, 138th	House Cmte: EDT	Sunset Date: June 30, 2028
	Senate Vote: 50-2	Title(s): 50
	House Vote: 163-2	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 176)

Synopsis: The current Georgia Chips and Advanced Technology Consortium serves as an advisory panel to the OneGeorgia Authority for the purpose of administering grant and loan programs related to the research, design, and manufacturing of semiconductors and related advanced technologies. This bill effectively replaces the existing consortium with the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission to perform those functions.

HOUSE BILL 217
Revises the Dual Achievement Program

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Higher Ed	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Hong, 103rd	House Cmte: Higher Ed	Sunset Date: July 1, 2031
	Senate Vote: 44-2	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 143-22	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 18)

Synopsis: Under Georgia law, the Dual Achievement Program allows eligible students to earn a high school diploma while also earning a technical college associate degree, a technical college diploma, or technical college certificates of credit in specific career pathways. The bill revises eligibility requirements for students to be eligible before July 1, 2026 and after July 1, 2026. This bill also revises requirements for the State Board of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia for participation in the program.

HOUSE BILL 222
Contact Information on Bonds and Recognizances

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Blackmon, 146th	House Cmte: Jud. Non-Civil	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-0	Title(s): 17
	House Vote: 169-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 254)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires any bond or recognizance given to ensure a person appears in a criminal proceeding to include the mailing address of the principal and each surety. This bill adds that the legible full name, email address, and phone number of the principal and each surety must also be included.

HOUSE BILL 223**TREES Act; Income Tax Exemptions for Payments or Proceeds Related to Hurricane Helene Damage; Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Purchase of Building Materials Used in Production of Animals**

Senate Sponsor: Goodman, 8th	Senate Cmte: Finance	Effective Date: May 8, 2025
House Sponsor: Burchett, 176th	House Cmte: Ways & Means	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-1	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 153-0	Signed: May 8, 2025 (Act 70)

Synopsis: The TREES Act permits eligible governing authorities to grant temporary tax relief from the taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber in certain disaster areas and provides for grants to eligible governing authorities to offset the loss of revenues resulting from certain disaster damage to standing timber and such temporary tax relief. This bill excludes from the calculation of taxable net income certain disaster relief or assistance grant program payments and crop insurance proceeds for agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene. It creates refundable income tax credits for certain timber producers based on certain casualty losses related to Hurricane Helene. This bill exempts, for a limited time period, building materials used to repair or replace greenhouses and real property structures or fixtures used exclusively for the production of animals from state's sales and use tax.

HOUSE BILL 224**Construction or Maintenance of Roads Upon Military Bases or Installations**

Senate Sponsor: Payne, 54th	Senate Cmte: Transportation	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Bonner, 73rd	House Cmte: Transportation	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-0	Title(s): 32
	House Vote: 172-0	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 180)

Synopsis: Georgia law prohibits any official, officer, or employee of the GDOT, the State Road and Tollway Authority, the Georgia Highway Authority, or any other similar authority or of any county or municipality to authorize the construction or maintenance of any private road. This bill creates an exception to that law and authorizes the construction or maintenance of certain roads by GDOT.

HOUSE BILL 233**Designates Official State Food Items; Prohibits State Contracting with Foreign Countries of Concern**

Senate Sponsor: Hodges, 3rd	Senate Cmte: EDT	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Townsend, 179th	House Cmte: Special Rules	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-1	Title(s): 50
	House Vote: 113-51	Signed: May 1, 2025 (Act 59)

Synopsis: This bill designates the fourth Friday in November of each year as 'National Sugarcane Syrup Day' in Georgia, designates Brunswick stew as the official state stew, and designates cornbread as the official state bread. Additionally, the bill prohibits companies owned or operated by a foreign country of concern from submitting bids for contracts with state agencies.

HOUSE BILL 235**Georgia Supporting Living Donor Educators Act**

Senate Sponsor: Hodges, 3rd	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Townsend, 179th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-0	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 173-0	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 14)

Synopsis: This bill provides educators with paid leave for bone marrow and organ donation.

HOUSE BILL 238**Requires the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to Create a Training Course****Senate Sponsor:** Robertson, 29th**Senate Cmte:** Public Safety**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Lumsden, 12th**House Cmte:** Public Safety**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 35**House Vote:** 171-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 309)

Synopsis: This bill requires the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to create and maintain an at-risk adult training course available to all peace officers, emergency medical personnel, and behavioral health co-responders regarding police responses to at-risk adults, including individuals living with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia. GPSTC must develop this training course in collaboration with the Forensic Special Initiatives Unit of the Division of Aging Services of the Department of Human Services.

HOUSE BILL 240**Designates Certain Practices Related to Mortgage Trigger Leads as Unlawful Business Practices****Senate Sponsor:** Brass, 6th**Senate Cmte:** Banking**Effective Date:** May 13, 2025**House Sponsor:** Williams, 148th**House Cmte:** Banks**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 51-1**Title(s):** 7, 10**House Vote:** 165-0**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 177)

Synopsis: This bill designates certain practices by individuals who use a mortgage trigger lead to solicit a consumer who has applied for a loan with another mortgage lender or broker as unlawful business practices subject to the Fair Business Practices Act. Additionally, these unlawful acts are further added to the list of prohibited acts that licensed mortgage lenders and brokers must abstain from.

HOUSE BILL 241**Authorizes Convenience Fees to be Charged for Certain Payments by Electronic Means****Senate Sponsor:** Still, 48th**Senate Cmte:** Banking**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Rhodes, 124th**House Cmte:** Banks**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 53-3**Title(s):** 13**House Vote:** 160-3**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 305)

Synopsis: Georgia law permits merchants and lenders, subject to the terms and conditions of debit and credit card acceptance agreements (and in addition to other charges, interest, or fees) to collect a nonrefundable convenience fee from any person electing to make a payment by electronic means. This bill allows for another convenience fee amount which may be up to \$5.00 or the current allowance for a merchant determined convenience fee, whichever fee amount is greater. Additionally, merchants and lenders are prohibited from imposing a convenience fee without also allowing for payment by electronic means for which no convenience fee is charged.

HOUSE BILL 266**Revises Income Tax Exemptions for Military Retirement Income****Senate Sponsor:** Dolezal, 27th**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Sainz, 180th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** Multiple**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 167-0**Signed:** May 13, 2025 (Act 181)

Synopsis: This bill increases the exemption to \$65,000 for income received as retirement benefits from military service in the United States’ armed forces or reserves from an individual’s income tax for individuals 65 years old or younger. It prohibits eligible taxpayers from claiming the military retirement income exemption and the retirement income exemption. This bill modifies the tax credit for contributions to law enforcement foundations by expanding the number of foundations that qualify, the expenditures that qualify, the annual amount of contributions allowed, and the sunset date.

HOUSE BILL 268
Office of Safe Schools

Senate Sponsor: Cowsert, 46th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: April 28, 2025
House Sponsor: Persinger, 119th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 45-9	Title(s): 16, 20, 50
	House Vote: 154-12	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 17)

Synopsis: This bill requires implementation of various school safety initiatives. This bill aims to improve the safety of school premises by requiring schools to obtain school alert systems and school mapping data, updating requirements for school safety plans, and requiring GEMA to maintain a database of individuals who make verified threats against the school or individuals within the school. This bill also aims to address student mental health concerns by allowing grants for student advocacy specialists and requiring suicide prevention and youth violence prevention training. This bill also creates the offenses of a terroristic threat of a school and terroristic act upon a school and changes how law enforcement officers interact with school age youths.

HOUSE BILL 270
Eviction Service Act

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Reeves, 99th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-0	Title(s): 44
	House Vote: 172-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 255)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires service by a sheriff or deputy. This bill allows an approved process server to serve a tenant with a copy of the summons and copy of the affidavit after a demand for possession affidavit or notice to vacate or pay affidavit is made and a summons is issued.

HOUSE BILL 287
Department of Natural Resources Updates

Senate Sponsor: L. Anderson, 24th	Senate Cmte: Nat. Resources	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Rhodes, 124th	House Cmte: Game, Fish & Parks	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-0	Title(s): 12, 27, 52
	House Vote: 171-0	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 178)

Synopsis: This bill revises various provisions related to the authority and duties of the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Natural Resources. It also creates and revises certain licenses issued by DNR.

HOUSE BILL 288
Peace Officers Placed on Giglio Lists

Senate Sponsor: Strickland, 42nd	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: May 12, 2025
House Sponsor: Gaines, 120th	House Cmte: Public Safety	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 15, 35, 50
	House Vote: 152-14	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 115)

Synopsis: This bill establishes requirements and procedures for prosecuting attorneys that intend to question the credibility of a peace officer by placing the name of such officer on a Giglio list, for peace officers to request reconsideration of the decision to be placed on a Giglio list, and for Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council review of the inclusion of any officer on a Giglio list.

HOUSE BILL 290
Annual IRC Revisions

Senate Sponsor: Albers, 56th	Senate Cmte: Finance	Effective Date: May 14, 2025
House Sponsor: Carson, 46th	House Cmte: Ways & Means	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-0	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 176-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 370)

Synopsis: This bill provides for annual Internal Revenue Code conformity.

HOUSE BILL 296
Updates to Various License Provisions

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gaines, 120th	House Cmte: Motor Vehicles	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-3	Title(s): 21, 27, 40, 48
	House Vote: 163-3	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 256)

Synopsis: This bill requires law enforcement officers to accept electronic licenses as satisfactory proof of compliance and to acquire equipment capable of verifying a license issued in an electronic format. This bill requires individuals to provide a physical identification card at polling places and to purchase hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses. This bill requires individuals applying for a certificate of title for a for-hire charter bus or motor coach or special modified rental vehicle to pay the ad valorem tax fees according to a certain timeline.

HOUSE BILL 303
The Original 33 Memorial Act

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: State Institutions	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gilliard, 162nd	House Cmte: State Properties	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-0	Title(s): 50
	House Vote: 167-0	Signed: May 1, 2025 (Act 47)

Synopsis: This bill requires the placement of a monument in honor of the original 33 African American members of the General Assembly. The monument must be placed either at the State Capitol or another prominent place.

HOUSE BILL 307
Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act

Senate Sponsor: Hickman, 4th	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: April 28, 2025
House Sponsor: Ballard, 147th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 55-0	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 167-0	Signed: April 28, 2025 (Act 13)

Synopsis: This bill creates the Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act, which revises and creates various code provisions related to curriculum standards, literacy improvement, and enhanced screening processes.

HOUSE BILL 308 – VETOED (V1)
Authorizes Operation of Miniature On-Road Vehicles

Senate Sponsor: L. Anderson, 24th	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: Vetoed
House Sponsor: Clifton, 131st	House Cmte: Motor Vehicles	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 47-6	Title(s): 40, 48
	House Vote: 104-60	Signed: Vetoed May 14, 2025

Synopsis: This bill authorizes the operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways. This bill also authorizes an additional punishment for reckless stunt driving convictions. This bill prohibits obtaining fingerprints for tinted window violations. Georgia law requires a person who fails to sign a citation to post a cash bond. This bill revises that requirement.

HOUSE BILL 322**Dental Teaching License****Senate Sponsor:** Burns, 23rd**Senate Cmte:** Higher Ed**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Hawkins, 27th**House Cmte:** Health**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 43**House Vote:** 169-0**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 88)

Synopsis: Georgia law allows dental licenses to be issued solely for the purpose of teaching dentistry. This bill revises application requirements for applications for a dental teacher's or instructor's license.

HOUSE BILL 325**Protective Orders Issued by Military Judges****Senate Sponsor:** Strickland, 42nd**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Martinez, 111th**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 19, 38**House Vote:** 168-0**Signed:** May 12, 2025 (Act 130)

Synopsis: This bill establishes processes for protective orders issued by military judges that prohibit contact between specific members of the state militia when one militia member has been accused of stalking by another militia member.

HOUSE BILL 327**Fiduciary Law Code Revisions****Senate Sponsor:** Kennedy, 18th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Leverett, 123rd**House Cmte:** Judiciary**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 49-0**Title(s):** Various**House Vote:** 176-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 310)

Synopsis: This bill implements the recommendations of the Fiduciary Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia. The bill makes changes throughout the Code to reflect changes in probate, guardianship, trust and banking, and power of attorney practice.

HOUSE BILL 331**Prohibits Commercial Transfers of Dogs, Cats, and Rabbits under the Georgia Animal Protection Act****Senate Sponsor:** L. Anderson, 24th**Senate Cmte:** Agriculture**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Camp, 135th**House Cmte:** Agriculture**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 53-1**Title(s):** 4**House Vote:** 161-13**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 81)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits any person from commercially transferring any dog, cat, or domestic rabbit at any: roadside, public right of way, parkway, median, public or commercial parking lot or sidewalk; park or recreation area; or fair, transient or seasonal flea market, or a similar transient market or outdoor location. This bill does not apply to certain transfers including those made by an animal shelter licensee or that take place at a residence or inside a veterinarian's office or other business establishment. State and local animal control officers or any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other peace officer is authorized to enforce this prohibition and impound any animal subject to a prohibited transfer.

HOUSE BILL 339**Excludes Ride Share Drivers and Ride Share Network Services from Definition of Motor Carrier**

Senate Sponsor: Strickland, 42nd	Senate Cmte: Transportation	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Leverett, 123rd	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 46-7	Title(s): 40
	House Vote: 166-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 257)

Synopsis: This bill exempts ride share network services from liability for ride share drivers' actions so long as these services meet certain requirements.

HOUSE BILL 340**Distraction-Free Education Act**

Senate Sponsor: Anavitarte, 31st	Senate Cmte: C&F	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Hilton, 48th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-2	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 143-29	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 74)

Synopsis: This bill prohibits students in kindergarten through grade eight from accessing personal electronic devices during the school day.

HOUSE BILL 348**Expands Lines of Insurance or Reinsurance for Certain Companies**

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: I&L	Effective Date: June 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Williamson, 112th	House Cmte: Insurance	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 47-2	Title(s): 33
	House Vote: 168-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 258)

Synopsis: This bill expands the lines of insurance or reinsurance in which a limited purpose subsidiary and captive insurance company may engage.

HOUSE BILL 351**Updates Powers and Duties of the Board of Natural Resources**

Senate Sponsor: Goodman, 8th	Senate Cmte: Nat. Resources	Effective Date: January 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Corbett, 174th	House Cmte: Nat. Resources	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 47-0	Title(s): 12
	House Vote: 163-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 259)

Synopsis: This bill revises various existing code provisions related to the authority and duties of DNR as it relates to solid waste management, including solid waste facilities and permitting.

HOUSE BILL 352**Georgia Gestational Diabetes Management Act**

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Seabaugh, 34th	House Cmte: P&CH	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 51-1	Title(s): 49
	House Vote: 163-2	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 260)

Synopsis: The bill allows those with gestational diabetes to receive coverage for continuous glucose monitors under Medicaid. These changes (along with the other coverage criteria) become effective beginning on July 1, 2025.

HOUSE BILL 358
Defines Military Installation

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Smith, 138th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 35-20	Title(s): 2
	House Vote: 120-50	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 261)

Synopsis: This bill defines ‘military installation’ for the purposes of Code section 2-1-7 which prohibits the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities.

HOUSE BILL 360
Historic Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credits

Senate Sponsor: Dixon, 45th	Senate Cmte: EDT	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Efstoration, 104th	House Cmte: Ways & Means	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-6	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 158-5	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 262)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes a taxpayer that was preapproved by the Commissioner of Revenue to claim tax credits for the rehabilitation of certified historic structures for tax years 2027 or 2028 to claim these credits at a reduced amount in tax year 2026.

HOUSE BILL 371
Increases the Aggregate Annual Cap for the Funding of Capital Outlay Projects; Sets Accessibility Requirements for Newly Constructed Playgrounds

Senate Sponsor: Kennedy, 18th	Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Corbett, 174th	House Cmte: Education	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-4	Title(s): 20
	House Vote: 168-3	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 85)

Synopsis: Georgia law authorizes the state to appropriate up to \$300 million annually for the funding of capital outlay projects. This bill increases the maximum to \$375 million beginning in the 2027 fiscal year. Additionally, this bill establishes accessibility requirements for playgrounds at newly-constructed elementary schools.

HOUSE BILL 392
Dates for Certain Events Regarding the Georgia Tax Court

Senate Sponsor: Strickland, 42nd	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Martin, 49th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-0	Title(s): 15
	House Vote: 164-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 263)

Synopsis: This bill revises dates for certain events regarding the Georgia Tax Court.

HOUSE BILL 398
Authorizes Production and Sale of Cottage Food Items

Senate Sponsor: S. Watson, 11th	Senate Cmte: Agriculture	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Hagan, 156th	House Cmte: Agriculture	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-2	Title(s): 26, 36
	House Vote: 171-2	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 193)

Synopsis: This bill permits cottage food production operators to sell food items directly to an individual, including online and by mail order, or to retail food establishments, including grocery stores and restaurants.

HOUSE BILL 399**Requires Certain Residential Landlords to Maintain In-State Staff****Senate Sponsor:** Burns, 23rd**Senate Cmte:** EDT**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Oliver, 84th**House Cmte:** Gov. Affairs**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 41-9**Title(s):** 44**House Vote:** 159-5**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 315)

Synopsis: This bill requires residential rental property tenants to provide local government code enforcement officers with a property manager's information if there is probable cause that the property is currently or has been in violation of applicable codes. This bill also requires out-of-state landlords to maintain at least one employee in the state to manage tenant affairs and communications.

HOUSE BILL 406**Superior Court Judge Retirement****Senate Sponsor:** Hatchett, 50th**Senate Cmte:** Judiciary**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Leverett, 123rd**House Cmte:** Retirement**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 53-0**Title(s):** 47**House Vote:** 167-7**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 264)

Synopsis: This bill revises the method for calculating retirement allowances for superior court judges who become members of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System on or after the effective date of the bill.

HOUSE BILL 410**Revises Certain Practices by the Department of Insurance****Senate Sponsor:** Harbin, 16th**Senate Cmte:** I&L**Effective Date:** May 14, 2025**House Sponsor:** DeLoach, 167th**House Cmte:** Insurance**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 47-0**Title(s):** 33**House Vote:** 164-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 265)

Synopsis: This bill revises various Department of Insurance practices relating to statutory deposit requirements, branch licensee fees, application requirements for certain entities, publication requirements for certain entities, and licensure requirements for agency branches.

HOUSE BILL 416**Updates to the Enterprise Zone Employment Act****Senate Sponsor:** Cowsert, 46th**Senate Cmte:** Reg. Industries**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Efstrotation, 104th**House Cmte:** Gov. Affairs**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 47-8**Title(s):** 36**House Vote:** 172-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 266)

Synopsis: This bill revises various provisions of the Enterprise Zone Employment Act related to matters such as infrastructure fees, duration of designations, and reference dates.

HOUSE BILL 422**Requires State Employee Insurance to Include Certain Plans for Covered Employees****Senate Sponsor:** Esteves, 35th**Senate Cmte:** I&L**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** McCollum, 30th**House Cmte:** Insurance**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-1**Title(s):** 45**House Vote:** 163-0**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 267)

Synopsis: This bill requires the Board of Community Health to include a minimum number of high deductible health plans and requires the board to ensure that covered employees can make certain pretax contributions. Any bid proposals accepted by the board for high deductible health plans must be cost neutral.

HOUSE BILL 423
Next Generation 911 Systems

Senate Sponsor: Albers, 56th	Senate Cmte: Public Safety	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Wade, 9th	House Cmte: Public Safety	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-0	Title(s): 38, 46
	House Vote: 163-0	Signed: May 8, 2025 (Act 65)

Synopsis: This bill updates the Georgia Emergency Communication Authority's responsibilities and board of directors. This bill requires all new 911 systems to comply with enhanced wireless standards.

HOUSE BILL 426
Authorizes Nonpartisan Elections for Magistrate and Probate Court Judges

Senate Sponsor: Williams, 25th	Senate Cmte: Ethics	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: New, 40th	House Cmte: Judiciary	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 43-11	Title(s): 15, 21
	House Vote: 111-59	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 302)

Synopsis: Georgia law requires that unless otherwise required by local law, all magistrate and chief magistrates must be elected in partisan elections. This bill revises current law to require magistrates and chief magistrates to be elected in nonpartisan elections. This bill also requires judges of probate courts to be elected by nonpartisan elections, following the ratification of an amendment to the Georgia Constitution.

HOUSE BILL 428
Codifies In Vitro Fertilization

Senate Sponsor: B. Watson, 1st	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Franklin, 160th	House Cmte: Health	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-1	Title(s): 31
	House Vote: 160-0	Signed: May 1, 2025 (Act 41)

Synopsis: This bill codifies the definition of in vitro fertilization.

HOUSE BILL 433 – VETOED (V3)
Authorizes DHS Access to Criminal History Records

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd	Senate Cmte: C&F	Effective Date: Vetoed
House Sponsor: Ballinger, 23rd	House Cmte: Public Safety	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 43-7	Title(s): 35
	House Vote: 177-0	Signed: Vetoed May 14, 2025

Synopsis: This bill adds DHS to the list of agencies authorized to access criminal history records under Georgia Crime Information Center.

HOUSE BILL 454
Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Act

Senate Sponsor: Cowsert, 46th	Senate Cmte: EDT	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gaines, 120th	House Cmte: Game, Fish & Parks	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 47-0	Title(s): 12
	House Vote: 157-14	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 116)

Synopsis: This bill creates the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program to be administered by DNR to award matching grant funds for projects involving the purchase of certain land or interest therein.

HOUSE BILL 473**Controlled Substances Schedule Updates**

Senate Sponsor: B. Watson, 1st	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: May 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Stephens, 164th	House Cmte: Health	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-0	Title(s): 16
	House Vote: 170-0	Signed: May 1, 2025 (Act 45)

Synopsis: This bill represents the annual update to Georgia’s Drug Schedules by adding and revising several drugs and substances on the state’s Drug Schedules, specifically Schedule I drugs and Dangerous Drugs.

HOUSE BILL 475**Updates to the Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act**

Senate Sponsor: Brass, 6th	Senate Cmte: EDT	Effective Date: January 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Gambill, 15th	House Cmte: Creative Arts	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-5	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 159-2	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 124)

Synopsis: This bill updates definitions and criteria related to certain tax credits for qualified projects and expenditures made by taxpayer production companies.

HOUSE BILL 484**Authorizes the Digitization and Electronic Publication of Georgia Laws**

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Rules	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Yearta, 152nd	House Cmte: Code Revision	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-2	Title(s): 28
	House Vote: 173-0	Signed: April 30, 2025 (Act 22)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes Legislative Counsel to publish Acts and Resolutions of the Georgia General Assembly electronically and authorizes the Code Revision Commission to assist in creating a permanent digital repository of Georgia session laws with single-point public access.

HOUSE BILL 491**Authorizes the Use of Air Guns; Amends Statewide Requirements for the Bowfishing of Catfish**

Senate Sponsor: Echols, 49th	Senate Cmte: Nat. Resources	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Chastain, 7th	House Cmte: Game, Fish & Parks	Sunset Date: 2030
	Senate Vote: 52-3	Title(s): 27
	House Vote: 170-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 268)

Synopsis: This bill extends the sunset date of existing code provisions authorizing the use of air guns to hunt wildlife and revises provisions related to the capture of catfish by bow and arrow.

HOUSE BILL 495**Transfers the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation from USG to the Department of Agriculture**

Senate Sponsor: S. Watson, 11th	Senate Cmte: Agriculture	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Dickey, 134th	House Cmte: Agriculture	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-1	Title(s): 2, 20
	House Vote: 167-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 311)

Synopsis: This bill transfers the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation from the University System of Georgia to the Department of Agriculture.

HOUSE BILL 511**Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Catastrophe Savings Accounts**

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: Finance	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Lumsden, 12th	House Cmte: Ways & Means	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-0	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 177-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 269)

Synopsis: This bill creates an income tax deduction for taxpayers who contribute to a catastrophe savings account.

HOUSE BILL 513**Revises County Share of Funding Related to Service Delivery Agreements and Unincorporated Areas**

Senate Sponsor: Burns, 23rd	Senate Cmte: SLOGO	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: LaHood, 175th	House Cmte: Gov. Affairs	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-2	Title(s): 36
	House Vote: 163-2	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 270)

Synopsis: This bill revises a county's share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services. It clarifies that no amendment to the Service Delivery Strategy Act made by the General Assembly constitutes an event requiring review and revision of an approved Service Delivery Strategy agreement. This bill allows a local government to enforce ordinances adopted prior to May 6, 2024 which regulate the placement of video surveillance equipment at any business or location where the retail sale of automotive gasoline occurs.

HOUSE BILL 516**Allows Additional Boards Subject to the Open Meetings Act to Conduct Meetings by Teleconference**

Senate Sponsor: Anavitarte, 31st	Senate Cmte: SLOGO	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: New, 40th	House Cmte: State Planning	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 49-1	Title(s): 36, 50
	House Vote: 94-71	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 271)

Synopsis: This bill allows the board of trustees of any county or regional public library to conduct meetings by teleconference under certain circumstances. The bill also allows community service boards to conduct meetings by teleconference under certain circumstances. The bill authorizes the Attorney General to provide the executive branch validation necessary for charter schools with statewide attendance zones to be eligible for private activity bonds to finance or refinance a state charter school facility.

HOUSE BILL 532 – VETOED (V4)**Allows Certain Counties to Receive Grants from the DNR and the Georgia Forestry Commission**

Senate Sponsor: Hodges, 3rd	Senate Cmte: Finance	Effective Date: Vetoed
House Sponsor: DeLoach, 167th	House Cmte: Ways & Means	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 44-5	Title(s): 12, 48
	House Vote: 168-0	Signed: Vetoed May 14, 2025

Synopsis: This bill authorizes counties with 20,000 acres or more of land belonging to the state for which they receive no tax revenue to become eligible for certain grants awarded by the Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Forestry Commission.

HOUSE BILL 551**Updates Various Registration and Temporary Operating Permit Provisions**

Senate Sponsor: Anavitarte, 31st	Senate Cmte: Transportation	Effective Date: January 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Ridley, 6th	House Cmte: Motor Vehicles	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-3	Title(s): 40, 43, 44, 48
	House Vote: 162-3	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 272)

Synopsis: This bill revises provisions relating to the operation of unregistered motor vehicles and authorizes third parties to develop and maintain an electronic temporary operating permit issuance system. This bill also revises Department of Revenue notice and hearing procedures for certain violations. This bill authorizes the use of immobilization devices for improperly parked cars under certain conditions.

HOUSE BILL 567**Authorizes and Regulates the Practice of Teledentistry**

Senate Sponsor: Still, 48th	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: January 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Dempsey, 13th	House Cmte: Health	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-1	Title(s): 33, 43
	House Vote: 165-2	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 79)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes the practice of teledentistry and insurance coverage for teledentistry services.

HOUSE BILL 575**DOT Updates; Authorizes DOT Removal Program**

Senate Sponsor: Dixon, 45th	Senate Cmte: Transportation	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: McCollum, 30th	House Cmte: Transportation	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 50-0	Title(s): 32
	House Vote: 167-1	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 273)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes notice of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation by electronic publication. This bill also authorizes the DOT to negotiate the acquisition of common property of a condominium association or property owners' association. This bill permits the DOT to establish a towing and recovery program for certain vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 579**Updates to Professional Licensing Procedures**

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: July 1, 2026
House Sponsor: Reeves, 99th	House Cmte: Appropriations	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-0	Title(s): 43, 49
	House Vote: 158-2	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 89)

Synopsis: This bill revises various existing provisions related to professional licensing in Georgia.

HOUSE BILL 582**Georgia Survivor Justice Act**

Senate Sponsor: Hatchett, 50th	Senate Cmte: Judiciary	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Gunter, 8th	House Cmte: Jud. Non-Civil	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-1	Title(s): 16, 17, 24
	House Vote: 164-0	Signed: May 12, 2025 (Act 131)

Synopsis: This bill is the Georgia Survivor Justice Act. This bill allows defendants to support a justification defense by offering evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim, expands the application of the defense of coercion, and allows resentencing when certain conditions have been met.

HOUSE BILL 584**Transfers Certain Programs, Facilities, and Authorizations from DCH to DBHDD****Senate Sponsor:** Hatchett, 50th**Senate Cmte:** HHS**Effective Date:** January 1, 2026**House Sponsor:** Petrea, 166th**House Cmte:** P&CH**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-0**Title(s):** 26, 31, 37**House Vote:** 163-0**Signed:** May 1, 2025 (Act 44)

Synopsis: This bill transfers licensing and oversight of the following programs and facilities from DCH to DBHDD: drug abuse treatment and education programs; narcotic treatment programs; adult residential mental health programs; and community living arrangements.

HOUSE BILL 586**Modifies Notes that Qualify as Long-Term Notes Secured by Real Estate for Intangible Recording Taxes****Senate Sponsor:** Hodges, 3rd**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Williamson, 112th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 55-1**Title(s):** 48**House Vote:** 161-0**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 77)

Synopsis: This bill extends the threshold from three years to 62 months for a note to be classified as a long-term note secured by real estate for purposes of determining the amount of intangible recording tax to be levied. This bill also makes conforming changes to an instrument's contents and instances where a bond for title is used in the absence of a security deed to reflect this extension.

HOUSE BILL 614**Authorizes Local Governments to Prohibit the Use or Ignition of Consumer Fireworks in Proximity to Certain Equine Facilities****Senate Sponsor:** Beach, 21st**Senate Cmte:** SLOGO**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** J. Jones, 47th**House Cmte:** Agriculture**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 50-1**Title(s):** 25**House Vote:** 168-1**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 274)

Synopsis: This bill authorizes a local government to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use or ignition of consumer fireworks within 200 yards of a facility housing equines in a confined area. The bill also authorizes local governments to issue special use permits for the temporary use or ignition of fireworks within 200 yards of a facility housing equines in a confined area.

HOUSE BILL 630**Regulation and Licensure of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers****Senate Sponsor:** Walker III, 20th**Senate Cmte:** Reg. Industries**Effective Date:** July 1, 2025**House Sponsor:** Wiedower, 121st**House Cmte:** Reg. Industries**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 52-1**Title(s):** 43**House Vote:** 173-1**Signed:** May 9, 2025 (Act 90)

Synopsis: This bill consolidates the two divisions and amends the membership of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers in order to streamline licensure.

HOUSE BILL 635
Contractor Licensure

Senate Sponsor: Walker III, 20th	Senate Cmte: Reg. Industries	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: Wiedower, 121st	House Cmte: Reg. Industries	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 53-1	Title(s): 43
	House Vote: 171-2	Signed: May 9, 2025 (Act 91)

Synopsis: This bill revises various existing code provisions related to the State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial General Contractors.

HOUSE BILL 645
Repeals Requirement of COVID-19 Testing for Long-Term Care Facility Staff and Residents

Senate Sponsor: B. Watson, 1st	Senate Cmte: HHS	Effective Date: July 1, 2025
House Sponsor: LaHood, 175th	House Cmte: HR&A	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 52-2	Title(s): 31
	House Vote: 166-0	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 275)

Synopsis: This bill repeals DCH's authorization to mandate COVID-19 testing for residents and staff of long-term care facilities. It lowers the age threshold from 50 to 18 years of age during which a hospital must offer an inpatient the influenza vaccine prior to discharge.

HOUSE BILL 652
Exempts Certain Nonprofit Organizations from the EV Excise Tax

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th	Senate Cmte: Finance	Effective Date: May 13, 2025
House Sponsor: T. Jones, 25th	House Cmte: Tech. & Infrastructure	Sunset Date: N/A
	Senate Vote: 54-0	Title(s): 48
	House Vote: 163-0	Signed: May 13, 2025 (Act 188)

Synopsis: This bill excludes the sale, consumption, or use of exempt special fuel from the state's sales and use tax, the electric vehicle (EV) excise tax, and the motor fuel excise tax. It extends the effective date of provisions related to regulatory authority of the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the taxation of electricity used as motor fuel for EVs.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTION 7
House Road-Naming Resolution

Senate Sponsor: Dolezal, 27th	Senate Cmte: Transportation	Signed: May 14, 2025 (Act 362)
House Sponsor: Campbell, 171st	House Cmte: Transportation	
	Senate Vote: 50-0	
	House Vote: 166-0	

Synopsis: This resolution dedicates certain portions of the state highway system.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 32**Constitutional Amendment that Increases the Acreage Maximum for Conservation Use Property****Senate Sponsor:** S. Watson, 11th**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** N/A**House Sponsor:** Efstration, 104th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Sunset Date:** N/A**Senate Vote:** 50-1**Title(s):** N/A**House Vote:** 168-5**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 363)

Synopsis: This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution to increase the acreage maximum from 2,000 to 4,000 acres for tangible real property that qualifies as bona fide conservation use property.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 42**Ratification of Governor Kemp's Fuel and Diesel Tax Suspension****Senate Sponsor:** Echols, 49th**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Effective Date:** N/A**House Sponsor:** Gambill, 15th**House Cmte:** Ways & Means**Senate Vote:** 53-1**House Vote:** 172-0

Synopsis: This resolution ratifies Governor Kemp's Executive Orders suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 97**Lease and Conveyance of State-Owned Real Property****Senate Sponsor:** Harbison, 15th**Senate Cmte:** State Institutions**Effective Date:** May 14, 2025**House Sponsor:** Greene, 154th**House Cmte:** State Properties**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 364)**Senate Vote:** 49-0**House Vote:** 162-0

Synopsis: This resolution provides for the conveyance or lease of state-owned real property.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 98**Lease and Conveyance of State-Owned Real Property****Senate Sponsor:** Harbison, 15th**Senate Cmte:** State Institutions**Effective Date:** May 14, 2025**House Sponsor:** Greene, 154th**House Cmte:** State Properties**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 365)**Senate Vote:** 49-0**House Vote:** 166-0

Synopsis: This resolution authorizes non-exclusive easements on various state-owned properties.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 121**Recognizes John W. Mixon****Senate Sponsor:** Burns, 23rd**Senate Cmte:** State Institutions**Signed:** May 14, 2025 (Act 367)**House Sponsor:** Camp, 135th**House Cmte:** State Properties**Senate Vote:** 54-0**House Vote:** 163-0

Synopsis: This resolution recognizes the leadership and achievements of Mr. John W. Mixon and dedicates the John W. Mixon Georgia Forestry Building in Dry Branch in his honor.

STUDY COMMITTEES

SENATE RESOLUTION 216

Study Committee on Vulnerable Roadway Users

Senate Sponsor: Parent, 44th

Senate Cmte: Public Safety

Sunset Date: December 1, 2025

Senate Vote: 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Vulnerable Roadway Users.

SENATE RESOLUTION 217

Study Committee on Combating Chronic Absenteeism in Schools

Senate Sponsor: Kennedy, 18th

Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth

Sunset Date: December 1, 2025

Senate Vote: 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Combating Chronic Absenteeism in Schools.

SENATE RESOLUTION 255

Study Committee on Combating Unscrupulous Companion Animal Breeding Practices

Senate Sponsor: Summers, 13th

Senate Cmte: Rules

Sunset Date: December 1, 2025

Senate Vote: 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Combating Unscrupulous Companion Animal Breeding Practices.

SENATE RESOLUTION 283

Study Committee on Height Restrictions Surrounding Georgia Airports

Senate Sponsor: Beach, 21st

Senate Cmte: Transportation

Sunset Date: December 1, 2025

Senate Vote: 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Height Restrictions Surrounding Georgia Airports.

SENATE RESOLUTION 301

Study Committee on Rosenwald Schools

Senate Sponsor: Davenport, 17th

Senate Cmte: Ed & Youth

Sunset Date: December 1, 2025

Senate Vote: 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Rosenwald Schools.

SENATE RESOLUTION 310

Study Committee on Additional Services and Resources for Transition Age Youth in Foster Care

Senate Sponsor: Kirkpatrick, 32nd

Senate Cmte: C&F

Sunset Date: December 1, 2025

Senate Vote: 54-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Additional Services and Resources for Transition Age Youth in Foster Care.

SENATE RESOLUTION 311

Study Committee on Recovery Residences

Senate Sponsor: Robertson, 29th

Senate Cmte: Rules

Sunset Date: December 1, 2025

Senate Vote: 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Recovery Residences.

SENATE RESOLUTION 323**Study Committee on Making Georgia the No. 1 State for Tourism****Senate Sponsor:** Echols, 49th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Making Georgia the No. 1 State for Tourism.

SENATE RESOLUTION 386**Study Committee on State FairTax****Senate Sponsor:** Moore, 53rd**Senate Cmte:** Finance**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on State FairTax.

SENATE RESOLUTION 391**Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Currency****Senate Sponsor:** Albers, 56th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Digital Currency.

SENATE RESOLUTION 393**Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services****Senate Sponsor:** Jones II, 22nd**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services.

SENATE RESOLUTION 424**Study Committee on Franchise Fees****Senate Sponsor:** Hufstetler, 52nd**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Franchise Fees.

SENATE RESOLUTION 427**Study Committee on Intoxicating Cannabinoids in Consumable Hemp Products****Senate Sponsor:** Kirkpatrick, 32nd**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 31, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Intoxicating Cannabinoids in Consumable Hemp Products.

SENATE RESOLUTION 429**Study Committee on Addressing Felony Disenfranchisement in Georgia's Constitution****Senate Sponsor:** Burns, 23rd**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Addressing Felony Disenfranchisement in Georgia's Constitution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 431**Study Committee on the Impact of Social Media and Artificial Intelligence on Children and Platform Privacy Protection****Senate Sponsor:** Harrell, 40th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on the Impact of Social Media and Artificial Intelligence on Children and Platform Privacy Protection.

SENATE RESOLUTION 444**Study Committee on Civil Rights Protections****Senate Sponsor:** Halpern, 39th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Civil Rights Protections.

SENATE RESOLUTION 474**Study Committee on Higher Education Affordability****Senate Sponsor:** Orrock, 36th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Higher Education Affordability.

SENATE RESOLUTION 476**Study Committee on Local School System Flexibility Options****Senate Sponsor:** Halpern, 39th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Local School System Flexibility Options.

SENATE RESOLUTION 489**Study Committee on Inclusive Educational Settings for Students with Disabilities****Senate Sponsor:** Dixon, 45th**Senate Cmte:** Rules**Sunset Date:** December 1, 2025**Senate Vote:** 52-0

Synopsis: This resolution creates the Senate Study Committee on Inclusive Educational Settings for Students with Disabilities.