

The House Committee on Code Revision offers the following substitute to SB 23:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **PART I**

8 *Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Name Correction*

9 **SECTION 1-1.**

10 Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended by  
11 revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 2-10-53.1, relating to oversight by  
12 legislative advisory committee, membership, duties, and expiration, as follows:



38 an appointed member's position or in the offices of chairperson or vice chairperson of the  
 39 committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original  
 40 appointment. The committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of  
 41 the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, as well as periodically  
 42 review and evaluate the success with which the authority is accomplishing its statutory  
 43 duties and functions as provided in this chapter."

### 44 **PART III**

#### 45 *Georgia Education Authority (Schools)*

#### 46 **SECTION 3-1.**

47 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in  
 48 Article 11 of Chapter 2, relating to public school property and facilities, by repealing Part 3,  
 49 relating to the Georgia Education Authority (Schools), and designating said part as reserved.

#### 50 **SECTION 3-2.**

51 Said title is further amended in Code Section 20-3-152, relating to the Georgia Education  
 52 Authority (University) creation, members, officers, and staff, quorum, procedural rules and  
 53 regulations, and assignment to Department of Administrative Services, by revising  
 54 subsection (b) as follows:

55 "(b) The authority shall elect one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chairperson and another as  
 56 ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chairperson and a secretary and treasurer, who need not necessarily be  
 57 a member of the authority ~~but who shall be the same as the secretary and treasurer of the~~  
 58 ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~. The majority of the members of the authority shall  
 59 constitute a quorum. No vacancy on the authority shall impair the right of the quorum to  
 60 exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the authority. The members of the  
 61 authority shall not be entitled to compensation for their services but shall be entitled to and

62 shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of  
63 their duties. ~~The staff of the authority shall be the same as the staff of the Georgia~~  
64 ~~Education Authority (Schools).~~ The authority shall make rules and regulations for its own  
65 government. It shall have perpetual existence. Any change in name or composition of the  
66 authority shall in no way affect the vested rights of any person under the provisions of this  
67 article or impair the obligations of any contracts existing under this article."

68 **SECTION 3-3.**

69 Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is  
70 amended in Code Section 29-3-32, relating to investment of funds, by repealing paragraph  
71 (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

72 **SECTION 3-4.**

73 Said title is further amended in Code Section 29-5-32, relating to investment of estate funds  
74 by conservator, by repealing paragraph (8) and designating said paragraph as reserved.

75 **SECTION 3-5.**

76 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,  
77 is amended by revising Code Section 45-15-13, relating to representation of state authorities  
78 by Attorney General, as follows:

79 "45-15-13.

80 As used in Code Sections 45-15-14 through 45-15-16, the term 'state authorities' means the  
81 following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education~~  
82 ~~Authority (Schools)~~, Georgia Education Authority (University), Georgia Highway  
83 Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Jekyll  
84 Island—State Park Authority, Stone Mountain Memorial Association, Georgia Emergency  
85 Communications Authority, and Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority."

86 **SECTION 3-6.**

87 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
88 in Code Section 50-17-21, relating to definitions, by revising paragraph (9) as follows:

89 "(9) 'State authorities' means the following instrumentalities of the state: Georgia  
90 Building Authority, ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~, Georgia Education Authority  
91 (University), Georgia Highway Authority, State Road and Tollway Authority, Georgia  
92 Ports Authority, Georgia Development Authority, Jekyll Island—State Park Authority,  
93 Stone Mountain Memorial Association, North Georgia Mountains Authority, Lake Lanier  
94 Islands Development Authority, Groveland Lake Development Authority, Georgia  
95 Higher Education Assistance Authority, the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, and  
96 other instrumentalities of the state created by the General Assembly and authorized to  
97 issue debt and not specifically exempt from this article."

98 **SECTION 3-7.**

99 Said title is further amended in Code Section 50-17-22, relating to State Financing and  
100 Investment Commission, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

101 "(2) There shall be a construction division of the commission administered by a director  
102 who shall not be a member of the commission and who shall also serve as the executive  
103 secretary for the commission. The director and the staff of the construction division shall  
104 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the commission, shall provide administrative  
105 support for all personnel of the commission, and shall account for and keep all records  
106 pertaining to the operation and administration of the commission and its staff. The  
107 director, as executive secretary, shall prepare agendas and keep minutes of all meetings  
108 of the commission. In construction and construction related matters, the construction  
109 division shall act in accordance with the policies, resolutions, and directives of the  
110 ~~Georgia Education Authority (Schools)~~ and the Georgia Education Authority (University)  
111 until such time as such policies, resolutions, or directives are changed or modified by the

112 commission. In carrying out its responsibilities in connection with the application of any  
113 funds under its control, including the proceeds of any debt or any appropriation made  
114 directly to it for construction purposes, the commission is specifically authorized to  
115 acquire and construct projects for the benefit of any department or agency of the state or  
116 to contract with any such department or agency for the acquisition or construction of  
117 projects under policies, standards, and operating procedures to be established by the  
118 commission; provided, however, that the commission shall contract with the Department  
119 of Transportation or the Georgia Highway Authority or the State Road and Tollway  
120 Authority or any combination of the foregoing for the supervision of and contracting for  
121 design, planning, building, rebuilding, constructing, reconstructing, surfacing,  
122 resurfacing, laying out, grading, repairing, improving, widening, straightening, operating,  
123 owning, maintaining, leasing, and managing any public roads and bridges for which  
124 general obligation debt has been authorized. The construction division also shall perform  
125 such construction related services and grant administration services for state agencies and  
126 instrumentalities and for local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and  
127 other political subdivisions as may be assigned to the commission or to the construction  
128 division by executive order of the Governor."

129 **SECTION 3-8.**

130 Any assets of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2023, shall  
131 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,  
132 2023. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing  
133 as of June 30, 2023, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such  
134 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART IV**  
*General Assembly*  
**SECTION 4-1.**

138 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is  
139 amended by repealing Code Section 28-1-17, relating to prefiling of proposed bills and  
140 resolutions prior to each legislative session and administrative procedure.

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**SECTION 4-2.**

142 Said title is further amended in Code Section 28-3-24.1, relating to public distribution of  
143 legislative information in electronic format, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

144 "(b) The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives may  
145 provide legislative information in electronic format to the GeorgiaNet Division of the  
146 Georgia Technology Authority for purposes of public distribution as provided in Code  
147 Section 50-25-14. The information may be provided on at least a daily basis in the most  
148 current format available. The information provided may include at a minimum: available  
149 schedules and agenda for committee meetings; available bill and resolution status  
150 information; and full text of all available ~~prefiled~~ and introduced versions of bills and  
151 resolutions, including amendments and substitutes. The information provided may include  
152 such other matters as will in the determination of the Secretary and the Clerk contribute to  
153 the purposes of this Code section. The Georgia Technology Authority shall work with the  
154 General Assembly to develop a single Internet site for the Georgia General Assembly. The  
155 content and the format of the General Assembly Internet site shall be determined by the  
156 Legislative Services Committee."

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**PART V**

158

*Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee*

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**SECTION 5-1.**

160 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is  
161 amended by repealing Chapter 10, relating to the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority  
162 Overview Committee, and designating said chapter as reserved.

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**SECTION 5-2.**

164 Any assets of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee existing as of June  
165 30, 2023, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia  
166 on July 1, 2023. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority  
167 Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2023, shall be transferred and assumed by the  
168 State of Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART VI**

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*Reports of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination*

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**SECTION 6-1.**

172 Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended by revising  
173 Code Section 31-53-6, relating to the compiling of reports and public dissemination of data,  
174 as follows:

175 "31-53-6.

176 (a) The office shall compile reports received from the following boards, commissions,  
177 committees, councils, and offices pursuant to each such entity's respective statutory  
178 reporting requirements:

179 (1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;

180 ~~(2) The Office of Women's Health;~~  
 181 ~~(3) The Kidney Disease Advisory Committee;~~  
 182 ~~(4)(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;~~  
 183 ~~(5)(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;~~  
 184 ~~(6)(4) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;~~  
 185 ~~(7)(5) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;~~  
 186 ~~(8)(6) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;~~  
 187 ~~(9)(7) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke~~  
 188 ~~Registry;~~  
 189 ~~(10)(8) The Office of Cardiac Care; and~~  
 190 ~~(11)(9) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.~~  
 191 (b) The office shall maintain a website that permits public dissemination of data compiled  
 192 by the boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices listed in subsection (a) of  
 193 this Code section."

194 **PART VII**

195 *Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee*

196 **SECTION 7-1.**

197 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended  
 198 by repealing Code Section 36-91-111, relating to the creation and administration of the  
 199 Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee, and  
 200 designating said Code section as reserved.

201 **SECTION 7-2.**

202 Said title is further amended in Code Section 36-91-112, relating to model guidelines, by  
 203 revising subsection (a) as follows:

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204 "(a) Prior to executing any comprehensive agreement for the development or operation of  
205 a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal received by a local government  
206 under this article, the local government shall adopt either:  
207 (1) ~~The model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act~~  
208 ~~Guidelines Committee; or~~  
209 (2) ~~Its~~ its own guidelines as a policy, rule, regulation, or ordinance, which shall contain  
210 each of the factors identified in subsection (b) of this Code section."

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**PART VIII**

212

*Georgia World War I Centennial Commission*

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**SECTION 8-1.**

214 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,  
215 is amended by repealing Article 3 of Chapter 13, relating to the Georgia World War I  
216 Centennial Commission, and designating said article as reserved.

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**SECTION 8-2.**

218 Any assets of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2023,  
219 shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July  
220 1, 2023. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission  
221 existing as of June 30, 2023, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by  
222 such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART IX**

224

*State Personnel Oversight Commission*

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**SECTION 9-1.**

226 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,  
227 is amended by repealing Chapter 24, relating to the "Governmental Reorganization and  
228 Termination from Employment Reform Act of 1977."

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**SECTION 9-2.**

230 Any assets of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2023, shall  
231 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,  
232 2023. Any liabilities and obligations of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing  
233 as of June 30, 2023, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such  
234 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART X**

236

*Small Business Assistance Advisory Council*

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**SECTION 10-1.**

238 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
239 by repealing Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 5, relating to small business assistance, and  
240 designating said part as reserved.

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**PART XI**

242

*Commission on Regional Planning*

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**SECTION 11-1.**

244 Said title is further amended by repealing Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to the  
245 Commission on Regional Planning.

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**SECTION 11-2.**

247 Any assets of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2023, shall  
248 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,  
249 2023. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as  
250 of June 30, 2023, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such  
251 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART XII**

253

*Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol*

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**SECTION 12-1.**

255 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
256 by repealing Code Section 50-16-5.1, relating to the Commission on the Preservation of the  
257 State Capitol.

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**SECTION 12-2.**

259 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,  
260 is amended in Code Section 45-13-72, relating to submission of recommendations to achieve  
261 highest museum standards, and designation of area as Georgia Capitol Agricultural History  
262 Museum, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

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263 "(b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission, in cooperation with the Board of Regents of  
 264 the University System of Georgia ~~and the Commission on the Preservation of the State~~  
 265 ~~Capitol~~, shall designate areas within the capitol museum as the Georgia Capitol  
 266 Agricultural History Museum areas. Such areas shall include information, artifacts,  
 267 photographs, monuments, or other related items which tell the history and importance of  
 268 agriculture to this state's economic growth. Except as provided for in this part, the Georgia  
 269 Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas of the capitol museum shall be maintained,  
 270 operated, and managed in the same manner as the other areas of the capitol museum."

271 **SECTION 12-3.**

272 Any assets of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30,  
 273 2023, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on  
 274 July 1, 2023. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on the Preservation of the  
 275 State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2023, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of  
 276 Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

277 **PART XIII**

278 *Senate Committee Name Correction*

279 **SECTION 13-1.**

280 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended  
 281 by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 50-27-34, relating to the Georgia Lottery  
 282 Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, as follows:

283 "(a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly, the Georgia Lottery  
 284 Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, to be composed of the members of the  
 285 House Committee on Regulated Industries and the Senate Committee on Economic  
 286 Development and Tourism ~~Senate Economic Development Committee~~. The chairpersons

287 of such committees shall serve as cochairpersons of the oversight committee. The  
288 oversight committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the  
289 Georgia Lottery Corporation, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with  
290 which the authority corporation is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as  
291 provided in this chapter. The oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or  
292 investigation of the authority corporation it deems necessary."

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**PART XIV**

294

*General Repealer*

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**SECTION 14-1.**

296 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.