

Senate Bill 341

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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:

13 "(1) The chairpersons of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Economic  
14 Development and Tourism and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Agriculture  
15 and ~~Consumer Affairs~~ Natural Resources or their designees, ex officio;"

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**PART II**

*Senate Committee Name Correction*

**SECTION 2-1.**

19 Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is  
20 amended by revising Code Section 10-9-20, relating to Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World  
21 Congress Center Authority Overview Committee created, composition, officers, and duties,  
22 as follows:

23 "10-9-20.

24 There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia  
25 World Congress Center Authority Overview Committee to be composed of five members  
26 of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall  
27 be a member of the minority party, five members of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
28 Committee on Assignments, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, the  
29 chairperson of the House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her  
30 designee, and the chairperson of the ~~Senate Economic Development Committee~~ Senate  
31 Committee on Economic Development and Tourism or his or her designee. The members  
32 of the committee shall serve two-year terms concurrent with their terms as members of the  
33 General Assembly. The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Senate  
34 Committee on Assignments from the membership of the committee, and the vice  
35 chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from the  
36 membership of the committee. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve terms of  
37 two years concurrent with their terms as members of the General Assembly. Vacancies in  
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."

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**PART III**

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*Georgia Education Authority (Schools)*

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**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.

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**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."

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**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."

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**SECTION 3-8.**

130 Any assets of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing as of June 30, 2024, shall  
131 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,  
132 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Education Authority (Schools) existing  
133 as of June 30, 2024, 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~~ public website for the Georgia General  
155 Assembly. The content and the format of the General Assembly ~~Internet site~~ public  
156 website shall be determined by the Legislative Services Committee."

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**PART V**

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*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, 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia  
166 on July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia Rail Passenger Authority  
167 Overview Committee existing as of June 30, 2024, 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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*Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council*

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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 31-7-191, relating to definitions regarding patient centered and family focused  
174 palliative care, as follows:

175 "31-7-191.

176 As used in this article, the term:

177 (1) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of community health.

178 (2) 'Department' means the Department of Community Health.

179 ~~(3) 'Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council' or 'council' means the~~  
180 ~~advisory council created pursuant to Code Section 31-7-192.~~

181 ~~(4)~~(3) 'Health care facility' means hospitals; other special care units, including but not  
182 limited to podiatric facilities; skilled nursing facilities; intermediate care facilities;  
183 assisted living communities; personal care homes; ambulatory surgical or obstetrical  
184 facilities; health maintenance organizations; home health agencies; and diagnostic,  
185 treatment, or rehabilitation centers.

186 ~~(5)~~(4) 'Palliative care' means those interventions which are intended to alleviate suffering  
187 and to achieve relief from, reduction of, or elimination of pain and of other physical,  
188 emotional, social, or spiritual symptoms of distress to achieve the best quality of life for  
189 the patients and their families."

190 **SECTION 6-2.**

191 Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-7-192, relating to the Georgia Palliative  
192 Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, by repealing and designating said Code section  
193 as reserved.

194 **SECTION 6-3.**

195 Said title is further amended in Code Section 31-7-193, relating to the Palliative Care  
196 Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, by repealing subsection (d).

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**PART VII**

*Reports of the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination*

**SECTION 7-1.**

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

203 "31-53-6.

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

207 (1) The Maternal Mortality Review Committee;

208 ~~(2) The Office of Women's Health;~~

209 ~~(3) The Kidney Disease Advisory Committee;~~

210 ~~(4)~~(2) The Hemophilia Advisory Board;

211 ~~(5)~~(3) The Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness;

212 ~~(6) The Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council;~~

213 ~~(7)~~(4) The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission;

214 ~~(8)~~(5) The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council;

215 ~~(9)~~(6) The Department of Public Health on behalf of the Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke  
216 Registry;

217 ~~(10)~~(7) The Office of Cardiac Care; and

218 ~~(11)~~(8) The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.

219 (b) The office shall maintain a website that permits public dissemination of data compiled  
220 by the boards, commissions, committees, councils, and offices listed in subsection (a) of  
221 this Code section."

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**PART VIII**

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*Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee*

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**SECTION 8-1.**

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

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**SECTION 8-2.**

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

232 "(a) Prior to executing any comprehensive agreement for the development or operation of  
 233 a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal received by a local government  
 234 under this article, the local government shall adopt either:

235 ~~(1) The model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act~~  
 236 ~~Guidelines Committee; or~~

237 ~~(2) Its its own guidelines as a policy, rule, regulation, or ordinance, which shall contain~~  
 238 ~~each of the factors identified in subsection (b) of this Code section."~~

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**PART IX**

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*Georgia World War I Centennial Commission*

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**SECTION 9-1.**

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

245 **SECTION 9-2.**

246 Any assets of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission existing as of June 30, 2024,  
247 shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July  
248 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Georgia World War I Centennial Commission  
249 existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by  
250 such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

251 **PART X**

252 *State Personnel Oversight Commission*

253 **SECTION 10-1.**

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

257 **SECTION 10-2.**

258 Any assets of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing as of June 30, 2024, shall  
259 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,  
260 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the State Personnel Oversight Commission existing  
261 as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such  
262 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART XI**

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*Small Business Assistance Advisory Council*

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**SECTION 11-1.**

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

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**PART XII**

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*Commission on Regional Planning*

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**SECTION 12-1.**

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

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**SECTION 12-2.**

275 Any assets of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as of June 30, 2024, shall  
276 devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on July 1,  
277 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on Regional Planning existing as  
278 of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of Georgia, by such  
279 instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART XIII**

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*Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol*

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**SECTION 13-1.**

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

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**SECTION 13-2.**

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

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

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**SECTION 13-3.**

300 Any assets of the Commission on the Preservation of the State Capitol existing as of June 30,  
301 2024, shall devolve by operation of law and without further action to the State of Georgia on  
302 July 1, 2024. Any liabilities and obligations of the Commission on the Preservation of the

303 State Capitol existing as of June 30, 2024, shall be transferred and assumed by the State of  
304 Georgia, by such instruments as may be required to maintain the same.

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**PART XIV**

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*Senate Committee Name Correction*

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**SECTION 14-1.**

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

311 "(a) There is created as a joint committee of the General Assembly, the Georgia Lottery  
312 Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee, to be composed of the members of the  
313 House Committee on Regulated Industries and the ~~Senate Economic Development~~  
314 ~~Committee~~ Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. The chairpersons  
315 of such committees shall serve as cochairpersons of the oversight committee. The  
316 oversight committee shall periodically inquire into and review the operations of the  
317 Georgia Lottery Corporation, as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with  
318 which the ~~authority~~ corporation is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as  
319 provided in this chapter. The oversight committee may conduct any independent audit or  
320 investigation of the ~~authority~~ corporation it deems necessary."

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**PART XV**

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*General Repealer*

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**SECTION 15-1.**

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