

Senate Bill 312

By: Senators Mangham of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, Kemp of the 38th, Halpern of the 39th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Economic Development, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia
3 Peach Walk of Fame Advisory Council; to provide for appointment of members to the
4 advisory council; to provide for criteria of the membership of the advisory council; to
5 provide for the election of officers; to provide for terms of members; to provide for quarterly
6 meetings; to provide for expenses; to provide for the purpose and activities of the advisory
7 council; to provide for funding; to provide for annual reports; to provide for a definition; to
8 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
12 of Economic Development, is amended by adding a new article to read as follows:

13 "ARTICLE 11

14 50-7-130.

15 (a)(1) As used in this article, the term 'advisory council' means the Georgia Peach Walk
16 of Fame Advisory Council.

17 (2) There is hereby established the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame Advisory Council
18 within the department.

19 (b)(1) The advisory council shall be composed of 15 members, to be appointed by the
20 Governor, who shall be representative of professional and lay individuals, organizations,
21 and governmental agencies associated with the entertainment industry in this state.

22 (2) The advisory council shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, treasurer, and
23 secretary. The treasurer and secretary can be the same member.

24 (c) The members shall serve for two-year terms. Of the members first appointed, seven
25 shall be appointed for terms of one year and eight shall be appointed for terms of two years.
26 Vacancies shall be filled by similar appointment for unexpired terms.

27 (d) All members of the advisory council shall be full-time residents of Georgia.

28 (e) The advisory council shall meet upon the call of the chairperson and shall meet no less
29 than quarterly, either in person or via virtual means. The advisory council shall provide
30 opportunities for the public to provide input.

31 (f) Members of the advisory council shall receive no compensation for their services, but
32 shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties. Any
33 legislative members of the advisory council shall receive the allowances provided for in
34 Code Section 28-1-8. Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the
35 amount specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21, as well as the mileage or
36 transportation allowance authorized for state employees. Members who are state officials
37 or state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the advisory council,
38 but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as

39 members of the advisory council in the same manner as reimbursements are made in their
40 capacity as state officials or state employees. The funds necessary for the reimbursement
41 of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and state employees shall
42 come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective departments.

43 50-7-131.

44 (a) The purpose of the advisory council shall be to advise the General Assembly and other
45 state agencies and departments on establishing the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame and
46 recommend individuals to be added to the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame.

47 (b) The advisory council shall conduct the following activities to establish the Georgia
48 Peach Walk of Fame:

49 (1) Convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the general
50 public in Georgia to assist the advisory council with establishing the Georgia Peach Walk
51 of Fame;

52 (2) Consult with experts in the industries provided in subsection (c) of this Code section
53 to establish an initial list of individuals to place in the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame and
54 make any recommendations that may arise from such consultations to the General
55 Assembly;

56 (3) Consult with the General Assembly and other state agencies and departments to
57 determine the location of the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame;

58 (4) Advise the department with respect to findings from any public hearings, comments,
59 and consultations with industry experts and consultations with the General Assembly and
60 other state agencies and departments;

61 (5) Make recommendations to the department for individuals to place in the Georgia
62 Peach Walk of Fame, for locations for the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame, and for selection
63 procedures to add individuals to the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame; and

64 (6) Publish on the advisory council's website:

65 (A) A list of recommended individuals for inclusion on the Georgia Peach Walk of
66 Fame and a list of individuals already included in the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame,
67 along with such individuals' accomplishments;

68 (B) The criteria for inclusion to the list of individuals recommended for inclusion as
69 provided in subparagraph (b)(6)(A) and the procedure for recommending such
70 individuals to be added to the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame; and

71 (C) Times and dates of public hearings of the advisory council and any other
72 opportunities for comment as required by subsection (e) of Code Section 50-7-130.

73 (c) Individuals shall be recommended for inclusion on the Georgia Peach Walk of Fame
74 from the following industries:

75 (1) Motion pictures;

76 (2) Television;

77 (3) Radio;

78 (4) Recording;

79 (5) Live theater and performance; and

80 (6) Sports entertainment.

81 (d) The advisory council may solicit and accept donations, gifts, grants, property, or
82 matching funds from any public or private source for the use by the council in conducting
83 the activities required pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section.

84 50-7-132.

85 (a) No later than June 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, the advisory council shall submit
86 a report to the Governor and the General Assembly. Such annual report shall:

87 (1) Detail the activities and progress of the advisory council in the prior year;

88 (2) Provide an update on the status of funding of the advisory council, including any
89 grant funds which were solicited, accepted, or used, and any remaining balances; and

