

The House Committee on Code Revision offers the following substitute to SB 153:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors
2 or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance
3 of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in
4 amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional,
5 or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law
6 derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to
7 revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of
8 conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Reserved.

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, is amended in:

14 (1) Code Section 2-10-57, relating to authority of Commissioner to provide for safety and
15 security at farmers' markets and police powers, in the introductory language of
16 subparagraph (b)(1)(F), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

17 **SECTION 3.**

18 Reserved.

19 **SECTION 4.**

20 Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animals, is amended in:

21 (1) Code Section 4-11-3, relating to licenses for pet dealers and kennel, stable, or animal
22 shelter operators, requirement, issuance, and application, in paragraph (c.1)(4), by deleting
23 "and reserved".

24 **SECTION 5.**

25 Reserved.

26 **SECTION 6.**

27 Reserved.

28 **SECTION 7.**

29 Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to banking and finance, is
30 amended in:

31 (1) Code Section 7-1-612, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

32 (2) Code Section 7-1-689, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination
33 requirements and powers, and limitations on civil liability, in paragraph (l)(1), by replacing
34 "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

35 (3) Code Section 7-1-706, relating to record keeping, investigation and examination
36 requirements and powers, and limitation on civil liability, in paragraph (l)(1), by replacing
37 "and telephone, facsimile," with "telephone number, facsimile number,".

38 (4) Code Section 7-1-1009, relating to record keeping, investigations and examinations, and
39 exemptions from civil liability, in paragraph (g)(1), by replacing "and telephone," with
40 "telephone number,".

41 (5) Code Section 7-1-1011, relating to annual fees, in subsection (a), by replacing "mortgage
42 broker," with "a mortgage broker,".

43 (6) Code Section 7-1-1017, relating to suspension or revocation of licenses or mortgage
44 broker education approval, notice, judicial review, and effect on preexisting contract, in
45 subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and by replacing "their"
46 with "his or her".

47 (7) Code Section 7-3-18, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

48 (8) Code Section 7-9-8, relating to the issuance of certificate of incorporation or certificate
49 of organization, at the end of paragraph (3), by inserting a comma and in the undesignated
50 text at the end of the Code section, by replacing "name of" with "the name of".

51 (9) Code Section 7-9-11.8, relating to rights and remedies of shareholders, in subsection (a),
52 by replacing "known as the 'Georgia Business Corporation Code' or" with "the 'Georgia
53 Business Corporation Code,' or" and in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "resulting acquirer"
54 with "resulting merchant acquirer".

55 **SECTION 8.**

56 Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing, is
57 amended in:

58 (1) Code Section 8-3-311, relating to creation of stable housing accountability programs,
59 application process, minimum standards, approval criteria, and funding, in the introductory
60 language of subsection (d), by replacing "At minimum," with "At a minimum," in

61 subparagraph (d)(6)(A), by replacing "U.S." with "United States", in subparagraph (d)(6)(E),
62 by replacing "heath" with "health", and in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or
63 her".

64 (2) Code Section 8-3-312, relating to disbursements for operating expenses, by replacing
65 "provided the commission" with "provided to the commission".

66 **SECTION 9.**

67 Reserved.

68 **SECTION 10.**

69 Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, is
70 amended in:

71 (1) Code Section 10-1-427, relating to false advertising of legal services, good faith
72 exemptions, investigation and enforcement by Attorney General, and penalties for violation
73 of cease and desist order, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Internet search engine ad," with
74 "internet search engine advertisement,".

75 (2) Code Section 10-1-782, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Lemon Law," in
76 paragraph (23), by inserting "by" preceding "90,000".

77 (3) Code Section 10-4-111, relating to meetings of advisory board, duties, fixing opening
78 date of marketing season, and revocation of license for early sale, by repealing and reserving
79 said Code section.

80 (4) Article 7 of Chapter 6, which is reserved, by repealing said article.

81 **SECTION 11.**

82 Reserved.

83 **SECTION 12.**

84 Reserved.

85 **SECTION 13.**

86 Reserved.

87 **SECTION 14.**

88 Reserved.

89 **SECTION 15.**

90 Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, is amended in:

91 (1) Code Section 15-5B-12, as effective on July 1, 2026, relating to proceedings, filing
92 procedures, service, and scheduling, in subsection (f), by replacing "address of the of the"
93 with "address of the".94 (2) Code Section 15-10-101, relating to eligibility of constables, in paragraph (a)(4), by
95 replacing "accredited high school diploma or general educational development (GED)" with
96 "approved high school equivalency (HSE)".97 (3) Code Section 15-11-71, relating to juvenile treatment court divisions, in the introductory
98 language of paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "increase likelihood" with "increase the
99 likelihood" and in subsection (f), by replacing "may have the authority" with "shall be
100 authorized".101 (4) Code Section 15-12-40.1, relating to state-wide master jury list, driver's license
102 information, list of registered voters, and random list of persons to comprise venire, in
103 subsection (b), by replacing "or personal identification card" with "or identification card"
104 each time the phrase appears and by replacing "or a personal identification card" with "or an
105 identification card".

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SECTION 16.

107 Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, is
108 amended in:

109 (1) Code Section 16-5-3.1, relating to aggravated involuntary manslaughter for fentanyl
110 overdose death, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "shall mean" with "means", in
111 paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "shall include" with "includes", and in subsection (c), by
112 replacing "10 years" with "ten years".

113 (2) Code Section 16-5-20, relating to simple assault, in subsections (c) and (f), by replacing
114 "For purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in the
115 undesignated text at the end of subsection (h), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As
116 used in" and by replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens", and in subsection (i), by
117 replacing "their" with "his or her".

118 (3) Code Section 16-5-21, relating to aggravated assault, in subsection (m), by replacing
119 "their" with "his or her".

120 (4) Code Section 16-5-23, relating to simple battery, in subsection (d), by replacing "For
121 purposes of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in
122 subsection (i), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall
123 include" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in
124 subsection (j), by replacing "their" with "his or her".

125 (5) Code Section 16-5-23.1, relating to battery, in subsection (g), by replacing "For purposes
126 of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the term", in subsection (i), by
127 replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'school property' shall include" with "As used
128 in this Code section, the term 'school property' includes", and in subsection (l), by replacing
129 "their" with "his or her".

130 (6) Code Section 16-5-24, relating to aggravated battery, in subsection (i), by replacing
131 "their" with "his or her".

132 (7) Code Section 16-7-21.1, relating to unlawful squatting, by revising said Code section as
133 follows:

134 "16-7-21.1.

135 (a)(1) A person commits the offense of unlawful squatting when he or she enters upon
136 the land or premises of another and resides on such land or premises for any period of
137 time knowingly acting without the knowledge or consent of the owner, the rightful
138 occupant, or an authorized representative of the owner. As used in ~~For purposes of this~~
139 Code section, the term 'resides' means to inhabit or live on or within any land or premises.

140 (2) Any person who commits or is accused of committing the offense of unlawful
141 squatting as provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall receive a citation
142 advising that ~~they must~~ he or she shall present to the head of the issuing law enforcement
143 agency or ~~their designee~~ its designee, within three business days of receiving the citation
144 for such alleged offense, properly executed documentation that authorizes the person's
145 entry on such land or premises. Such documentation may include a properly executed
146 lease or rental agreement or proof of rental payments.

147 (3) If such person is unable to provide the documentation required by paragraph (2) of
148 this subsection, such person shall be subject to arrest for unlawful squatting and, upon
149 conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalty provided in subsection (b) of this Code
150 section.

151 (4) If such person ~~does provide~~ provides documentation that authorizes such person's
152 entry on the land or premises, a hearing shall be set within seven days of the submission
153 of such documentation, and, if the court of appropriate jurisdiction finds that the
154 submitted documentation was not properly executed or is not meritorious, such person
155 shall be subject to demand for possession and removal as provided in Code
156 Section 44-11-32, be subject to arrest and upon conviction penalties as provided for in
157 Code Sections 16-9-1 and 16-9-2, and ~~shall~~ be assessed an additional fine based on the
158 fair market monthly rental rate of the land or premises.

159 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a
 160 misdemeanor which upon conviction shall be ~~punishable~~ punished as provided in Code
 161 Section 17-10-3."

162 (8) Code Section 16-7-23, relating to criminal damage to property in the second degree, in
 163 paragraph (a)(2), by inserting a comma following "fireworks".

164 (9) Code Section 16-11-171, relating to definitions regarding Brady Law regulations, in
 165 paragraph (4), by inserting "of Chapter 7" following "Article 6".

166 (10) Code Section 16-13-71, relating to dangerous drugs, by revising numerous paragraphs
 167 in subsection (b), subparagraph (b)(59)(BB.5), and paragraph (c)(16.92) as follows:

168 "~~(57.5) Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed~~ vaccine adsorbed, Adjuvanted;"

169 "~~(BB.5) House Dust Mite Allergen Extract~~ dust mite allergen extract;"

170 "~~(160.5) Chikungunya Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

171 "~~(206.7) Coagulation Factor X, (human)~~ Human;"

172 "~~(247.4) Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine~~ tetravalent vaccine, Live;"

173 "~~(317.3) Dornase Alpha~~ alpha;"

174 "~~(328.3) Ebola Zaire Vaccine~~ vaccine, Live;"

175 "~~(361.5) Reserved~~;"

176 "~~(383.15) Ferric Hexacyanoferrate~~ hexacyanoferrate;"

177 "~~(386.3) Reserved~~;"

178 "~~(425) Gomenol Solution~~ solution;"

179 "~~(433.5) Halobetasol Propionate~~ propionate;"

180 "~~(446.2) Human Papillomavirus~~ papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant;"

181 "~~(509.7) Reserved~~;"

182 "~~(512.691) Reserved~~;"

183 "~~(529.93) Reserved~~;"

184 "~~(703.43) Reserved~~;"

185 "~~(731.1) Reserved~~;"

186 ~~"(732.9) Reserved;"~~
 187 "(836.1) Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine syncytial virus vaccine;"
 188 ~~"(851.02) Reserved;"~~
 189 "(855.5) Sermorelin Acetate acetate;"
 190 ~~"(945.5) Reserved;"~~
 191 "(1025.8) Varicella Virus Vaccine Live virus vaccine, Live;"
 192 "(1037.23) Von von Willebrand factor;"
 193 "(1042.8) Zoledronic Acid acid;"
 194 "(1042.95) Zoster Vaccine Recombinant vaccine recombinant, Adjuvanted;"
 195 "(16.92) Any opioid antagonist, as defined in Code Section 26-4-116.2, shall also be
 196 exempt from subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section when used for drug overdose
 197 prevention and when supplied by a dispenser or an authorized wholesale distributor.".
 198 (11) Code Section 16-13-122, relating to content of kratom and required labeling, in
 199 paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of".

200 **SECTION 17.**

201 Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, is
 202 amended in:

203 (1) Code Section 17-6-12, relating to unsecured judicial release, requirement, effect of
 204 failure of person charged to appear for trial, and consideration of criminal record, in
 205 subparagraph (a)(1)(GG), by replacing "Code Section 16-10-29;" with "Code
 206 Section 16-10-24;".

207 (2) Code Section 17-10-7, relating to punishment of repeat offenders and punishment and
 208 eligibility for parole of persons convicted of fourth felony offense, in subsection (e), by
 209 replacing "recidivous" with "recidivist".

210 **SECTION 18.**

211 Reserved.

212 **SECTION 19.**

213 Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, is
214 amended in:

215 (1) Code Section 19-6-9, relating to voluntary separation, abandonment, or driving off of
216 spouse and equity may compel support, by deleting "and as may be".

217 (2) Code Section 19-6-32, relating to entering income withholding order or medical support
218 notice for award of child support, when order or notice effective, and hearing on order, in
219 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "means judge" with "means a judge" and in paragraph (a)(5),
220 by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 666(b)(A)(I) and (ii)" with "42 U.S.C.
221 Section 666(b)(6)(A)(i) and (ii)".

222 (3) Code Section 19-6-33, relating to notice and service of income withholding order,
223 hearing on enforcement of order, discharge of obligor, and penalties, in paragraph (a)(2), by
224 replacing "means judge" with "means a judge".

225 (4) Code Section 19-6-33.1, relating to family support registry, in subparagraph (e)(2)(A),
226 by replacing "arrear or" with "arrears, or".

227 **SECTION 20.**

228 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in:

229 (1) Code Section 20-2-37, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

230 (2) Code Section 20-2-38, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

231 (3) Code Section 20-2-167.1, relating to public meetings on proposed annual operating
232 budget, notice, electronic copies, and exception for certain nonprofits, in paragraph (a)(2),
233 by replacing "system and," with "system,".

234 (4) Code Section 20-2-751.4, as effective on July 1, 2025, relating to policies prohibiting
235 bullying and cyberbullying required, enforcement of policies including assignment to
236 alternative school, notice, antibullying training programs and materials, limitation of liability,
237 and noncompliance, by revising the introductory language of subparagraph (1)(A) as follows:

238 “(1)(A) 'Bullying' ~~'Bullying'~~ means an act that is:”

239 (5) Code Section 20-2-775, relating to automated external defibrillator required in high
240 schools, requirements, and funding, in subparagraph (c)(7)(D), by deleting the comma
241 following "leads".

242 (6) Code Section 20-2-776.5, relating to opioid antagonists, possession, administration,
243 obligations, and immunity from civil liability, at the end of subsection (g), by inserting a
244 period following "known".

245 (7) Article 1 of Chapter 3, relating to postsecondary education generally, by designating
246 Code Section 20-3-1, relating to definitions, as Part 1.

247 (8) Code Section 20-3-38, relating to agricultural extension work, in subsection (a), by
248 replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

249 (9) Code Section 20-3-41.2, relating to surrender of materials to division for preservation,
250 preparation of certified copies, ownership, operation, and management of electronic archival
251 records, exemption for certain records under certain conditions, and "constitutional officer"
252 defined, in subsections (a) through (c), by inserting "of the University System of Georgia"
253 following "Division of Archives and History" each time the term appears.

254 (10) Code Section 20-3-41.3, relating to study of historical documents and public displays
255 of the Foundations of American Law and Government, in paragraph (a)(1), by inserting "of
256 the University System of Georgia" following "Division of Archives and History".

257 (11) Code Section 20-3-45, relating to Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council created,
258 purpose, members, expenses, coordinator, officers, meetings, administrative assignment, and
259 staff, in subsections (c) and (h), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with
260 "the division".

261 (12) Code Section 20-3-45.1, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Historical Records
262 Advisory Council, in paragraph (2), by replacing "the Division of Archives and History" with
263 "the division".

264 (13) Code Section 20-3-48, relating to short title, public forums designated, "free speech
265 zones" prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required
266 materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (b)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such
267 term".

268 (14) Code Section 20-3-60, relating to when properties of university system may be sold,
269 leased, or otherwise disposed of, effect of restrictions on use, and works of art, in
270 subsection (a) and in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (c)(2), by replacing
271 "however, that" with "however, that," and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "The term 'work
272 of art'" with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.

273 (15) Code Section 20-3-66, relating to determination of in-state resident status of students
274 for tuition or fees, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "the
275 term 'student from a homeless situation'" with "such term".

276 (16) Code Section 20-3-67, relating to powers of regents over system and institutions over
277 students not limited by lowering age of majority, by replacing "the system" with "the
278 university system".

279 (17) Code Section 20-3-92, relating to definitions regarding postsecondary education, in
280 paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term" and by replacing "is recognized as
281 a student organization" with "are recognized as student organizations".

282 (18) Code Section 20-3-130, relating to short title regarding junior colleges and name of
283 junior college system, by replacing "shall be known as" with "shall be known and may be
284 cited as" each time the phrase appears.

285 (19) Code Section 20-3-131, relating to definitions regarding junior colleges, in
286 paragraph (2), by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local
287 school system,".

288 (20) Code Section 20-3-132, relating to authority to establish and maintain junior colleges,
289 by replacing "county school system, independent school system," with "local school system,"
290 each time the phrase appears.

291 (21) Code Section 20-3-150, relating to short title regarding Georgia Education Authority
292 (University), by replacing "may be cited" with "shall be known and may be cited".

293 (22) Code Section 20-3-200, relating to short title regarding Private Colleges and
294 Universities Authority, by replacing "may be cited as" with "shall be known and may be cited
295 as".

296 (23) Code Section 20-3-201, relating to definitions regarding Private Colleges and
297 Universities Authority, in paragraph (4), by replacing "'Construction project' also means"
298 with "Such term also means" and by replacing "The term 'construction project' also means"
299 with "Such term also means", in paragraph (5), by replacing "the term 'cost,' as applied" with
300 "such term, as applied", and in paragraph (6) and divisions (7)(A)(i), (7)(A)(ii), and
301 (7)(A)(iv), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

302 (24) Code Section 20-3-231, relating to legislative findings and purpose of Georgia Student
303 Finance Commission, in subsections (a) and (b), by deleting the internal catchlines.

304 (25) Code Section 20-3-234, relating to functions and composition of board of
305 commissioners, appointment, qualifications, and terms of commissioners, board officers,
306 meetings, committees, compensation, and advisory councils, in subsections (a) through (h),
307 by deleting the internal catchlines.

308 (26) Code Section 20-3-235, relating to commission officers, employees, and support
309 services, bonds, and legal services, in paragraphs (1) through (5), by deleting the internal
310 catchlines.

311 (27) Code Section 20-3-236, relating to powers and duties of commission, board of
312 commissioners, and officers, confidentiality, and repayments and refunds, in
313 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "they" with "it" and by replacing "them" with "the board of
314 commissioners" and in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".

315 (28) Code Section 20-3-242, relating to web based counseling and resources for students,
316 in paragraph (1), by replacing "web based" with "internet based" and in paragraph (2), by
317 replacing "a web based" with "an internet based".

318 (29) Code Section 20-3-250.2, relating to definitions regarding nonpublic postsecondary
319 educational institutions, in paragraph (11.1), by replacing "however, that" with "however,
320 that,".

321 (30) Code Section 20-3-250.3, relating to educational institutions exempted from application
322 of part, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (a)(13)(B), by replacing "however
323 that" with "however, that" and in paragraph (a)(14), by replacing "associate" with
324 "associate's".

325 (31) Code Section 20-3-250.6, relating to minimum standards for educational institutions,
326 in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue".

327 (32) Code Section 20-3-250.8, relating to application to operate or conduct postsecondary
328 activities, in subsection (a), by replacing "catalog" with "catalogue" and by replacing
329 "however, that" with "however, that," and in subsection (b), by replacing "catalogs," with
330 "catalogues,".

331 (33) Code Section 20-3-311, relating to legislative findings and purposes of authority, in
332 subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline.

333 (34) Code Section 20-3-313, relating to authority created as successor to Georgia Higher
334 Education Assistance Authority and abolishment of Georgia Higher Education Assistance
335 Corporation, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "however:" with
336 "however, that:", in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2), by replacing "That educational" with
337 "Educational", and in paragraph (c)(3), by replacing "That all" with "All".

338 (35) Code Section 20-3-314, relating to functions, composition, organization, and conduct
339 of affairs of board of directors, in subsection (a), by deleting the internal catchline, in the
340 introductory language of subsection (b), by deleting the internal catchline and by replacing
341 "however:" with "however, that:", in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "That nothing" with

342 "Nothing", in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "That no" with "No", and in paragraph (b)(3),
343 by replacing "That the" with "The".

344 (36) Code Section 20-3-316, relating to powers and duties of authority, employees'
345 functions, servicing of educational loans, registration with Selective Service System, and
346 confidentiality, in paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".

347 (37) Code Section 20-3-329, relating to employees of commission transferred to authority,
348 status of authority employees hired after July 1, 1996, status of transferred employees, and
349 benefits of transferred employees not impaired, in subsection (c), by replacing "however,
350 that" with "however, that,".

351 (38) Code Section 20-3-373, relating to general loan fund, in the undesignated text at the end
352 of subsection (a), by replacing "fund to make" with "fund provided for in subsection (a) of
353 this Code section to make" and by redesignating such undesignated text as new
354 subsection (b) and by redesignating current subsection (b) as new subsection (c).

355 (39) Code Section 20-3-374, relating to service cancelable loan fund and authorized types
356 of service cancelable educational loans, in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(4), by deleting the
357 internal catchlines.

358 (40) Code Section 20-3-386, relating to distribution of education loan repayment assistance
359 and conditions, in subsection (d), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

360 (41) Code Section 20-3-395, relating to definitions regarding direct loans to students on
361 basis of need and merit, in subparagraphs (3)(A), (3)(B), and (3)(C), by replacing "associate"
362 with "associate's" and in paragraph (6), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

363 (42) Code Section 20-3-400.1, relating to definitions regarding graduate on time student
364 loans, in paragraph (1) and subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate" with
365 "associate's".

366 (43) Code Section 20-3-405.1, relating to definitions regarding Education for Public Service
367 Student Loan, in subparagraphs (4)(A) and (4)(B), by replacing "associate degrees" with
368 "associate's degrees".

369 (44) Code Section 20-3-405.2, relating to eligibility, repayment period, maximum amount,
370 application, and statement of requirements, in subsection (c), by replacing "associate degree,"
371 with "associate's degree,".

372 (45) Code Section 20-3-431, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory
373 language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

374 (46) Code Section 20-3-441, relating to "eligible student" defined, in the introductory
375 language, by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

376 (47) Code Section 20-3-499, relating to selection of REACH scholars, in
377 division (a)(1)(B)(i), by replacing "SNAP (Food Stamp)" with "Supplemental Nutrition
378 Assistance Program (SNAP)" and in division (a)(1)(B)(ii), by replacing "TANF" with
379 "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)".

380 (48) Code Section 20-3-519, relating to definitions regarding HOPE scholarships and grants,
381 in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (6)(A), by replacing "however, that" with
382 "however, that," and in paragraph (25), by replacing "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C.".

383 (49) Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship
384 and award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a) and in the introductory
385 language of subsection (b), by replacing "associate" with "associate's" and in
386 paragraph (d)(3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," each time the phrase
387 appears.

388 (50) Code Section 20-3-519.5, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE grant and
389 award amount, in the introductory language of subsection (a.1) and the undesignated text at
390 the end of subsection (a.1), by replacing "associate degree" with "associate's degree".

391 (51) Code Section 20-3-564, relating to authorization to dispose of property, by replacing
392 "however, that" with "however, that,".

393 (52) Code Section 20-3-633, relating to creation, board of directors, and assignment to
394 Department of Administrative Services, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Chancellor" with
395 "chancellor".

396 (53) Code Section 20-3-642, relating to records not open to public inspection and duration,
397 in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "clearing house" with "clearing-house".

398 (54) Article 13 of Chapter 3, relating to compensation of intercollegiate athletes, by
399 repealing said article.

400 (55) Code Section 20-4-1, relating to acceptance of federal act regarding vocational
401 education, by replacing "(20 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929),"
402 with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11, et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".

403 (56) Code Section 20-4-4, relating to employing teachers under federal act, by replacing "(20
404 U.S.C.A. Section 11, et seq.; c. 114, Section 1, 39 Stat. 929)," with "(20 U.S.C. Section 11,
405 et seq.; 39 Stat. 929),".

406 (57) Code Section 20-4-10, relating to the State Board of the Technical College System of
407 Georgia established, members, and officers, in subsection (a), by replacing "however, in"
408 with "provided, however, that, in".

409 (58) Code Section 20-4-11, relating to powers of the State Board of the Technical College
410 System of Georgia, at the end of division (3)(C)(ii), by replacing the period with a semicolon.

411 (59) Code Section 20-4-11.1, relating to public forums designated, "free speech zones"
412 prohibited, allowed restrictions, protected expressive activity, construction, required
413 materials, and annual reporting, in paragraph (a)(5), by replacing "This term" with "Such
414 term".

415 (60) Code Section 20-4-15, relating to establishment of adult literacy programs, eligibility,
416 and office of adult literacy, in the introductory language of subsection (d), by replacing
417 "who:" with "who are:", in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Are high" with "High", and in
418 paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "Are at" with "At".

419 (61) Code Section 20-4-17, relating to agencies to receive federal funds and transfer of
420 personnel to Department of Technical and Adult Education, now known as Technical
421 College System of Georgia, in subsection (a), by replacing "further," with "further, that".

422 (62) Code Section 20-4-41, relating to extent and nature of training to be offered, by
423 replacing "however, no" with "however, that no".

424 (63) Article 5 of Chapter 4, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, by replacing
425 "commissioner of the Department of Economic Development" with "commissioner of
426 economic development" each time the phrase appears in:

427 (A) Code Section 20-4-120, relating to the creation of commission and membership;

428 (B) Code Section 20-4-131, relating to administration of grant program and purpose;

429 (C) Code Section 20-4-132, relating to awarding of grants;

430 (D) Code Section 20-4-133, relating to grant application requirements; and

431 (E) Code Section 20-4-134, relating to rules and regulations.

432 (64) Code Section 20-4-141, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high
433 school diploma to successful participants, skills and knowledge, eligibility for participation,
434 and regulation, in paragraph (a)(1) and subparagraph (f)(3)(A), by replacing "associate
435 degree" with "associate's degree" and in divisions (e)(4)(A)(iii) and (e)(4)(B)(ii), by replacing
436 "U.S.C.A." with "U.S.C." each time the term appears.

437 (65) Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose, employer partnerships, required
438 information, contracts, awards, and limitations, in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing
439 "\$10,000.00" with "Ten thousand dollars", in paragraph (d)(2), by replacing "\$5,000.00" with
440 "Five thousand dollars", and in paragraph (e)(2), by deleting "the" preceding "Fiscal Year
441 2025".

442 (66) Code Section 20-5-2, relating to powers and duties of the board of regents and director
443 of University of Georgia Libraries, abolition of State Library Commission and transfer of
444 functions, reports of state publications, and electronic submission, in subsection (e), by
445 replacing "For purposes of this article, 'public documents' shall mean" with "As used in this
446 Code section, the term 'public documents' means" and in subsection (k), by replacing
447 "Division of Archives and History," with "Division of Archives and History of the University
448 System of Georgia,".

449 (67) Code Section 20-5-5, relating to internet safety policies in public libraries, in
 450 paragraphs (a)(1) and (h)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".

451 (68) Code Section 20-8-1, relating to definitions regarding campus policemen, in
 452 paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'campus'" with "Such term".

453 (69) Code Section 20-12-1, relating to definitions regarding marine resources extension
 454 centers and institute for oceanographic studies, in paragraph (3), by deleting "as defined in
 455 paragraph (2) of this Code section".

456 (70) Code Section 20-14-96, relating to accrediting agencies, standards, applicability, and
 457 construction, in paragraph (e)(2), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

458 (71) Code Section 20-17-2, relating to provisions of The Interstate Compact on Educational
 459 Opportunity for Military Children, in Section A of Article II and in Section A(1) of Article
 460 III, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Sections 1209 and 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and
 461 1211".

462 SECTION 21.

463 Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, is amended in:

464 (1) Code Section 21-2-217, relating to rules for determining residence, by revising
 465 subparagraph (a)(2)(B) and subsection (b) as follows:

466 "(B) If a person returns to his or her original or new residence after voting or
 467 registering to vote in a different or separate jurisdiction, such person shall update ~~their~~
 468 his or her voter registration with ~~their~~ his or her current residency jurisdiction in order
 469 to be deemed a valid registered elector and resident of such jurisdiction for voting
 470 purposes; and"

471 "(b) In determining a voter's qualification to register and vote, the registrars to whom such
 472 application is made shall consider, in addition to the applicant's expressed intent, any
 473 relevant circumstances determining the applicant's residence. The registrars taking such
 474 registration may consider the applicant's financial independence; business pursuits;

475 employment; income sources; residence for income tax purposes; age; marital status;
476 residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any; leaseholds; sites of personal and real
477 property owned by the applicant; motor vehicle and other personal property registration;
478 National Change of Address program information sponsored by the United States Postal
479 Service; and other such factors that the registrars may reasonably deem necessary to
480 determine the qualification of an applicant to vote in a primary or election. The decision
481 of the registrars to whom such application is made shall be presumptive evidence of a
482 person's residence for voting purposes."

483 **SECTION 22.**

484 Reserved.

485 **SECTION 23.**

486 Reserved.

487 **SECTION 24.**

488 Reserved.

489 **SECTION 25.**

490 Reserved.

491 **SECTION 26.**

492 Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to food, drugs, and cosmetics,
493 is amended in:

494 (1) Code Section 26-4-116.1, relating to licensed health practitioners authorized to prescribe
495 auto-injectable epinephrine for schools and pharmacists authorized to fill prescriptions, in
496 subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 31-1-14" with "Code Section 31-1-15".

497 **SECTION 27.**

498 Reserved.

499 **SECTION 28.**

500 Reserved.

501 **SECTION 29.**

502 Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, is
503 amended in:

504 (1) Code Section 29-5-3, relating to order of preference in selecting conservator, nomination
505 of individual to serve as conservator, and requirements of nomination, in paragraph (b)(4),
506 by replacing "(c)" with "(d)".

507 **SECTION 30.**

508 Reserved.

509 **SECTION 31.**

510 Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, is amended in:

511 (1) Code Section 31-1-6, relating to reuse of heart pacemakers, in subsection (b), by deleting
512 ", as defined in subsection (a) of this Code section,".

513 (2) Code Section 31-1-8, relating to notice of proposed special facility, in the introductory
514 language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used in", in
515 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "drug users as defined in paragraph (11) of" with "drug
516 abusers as defined in", and in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "provided such" with "provided
517 that such".

518 (3) Code Section 31-1-9, relating to breast-feeding of baby, by replacing "breast-feeding"
519 with "breastfeeding" and by replacing "breast-feed" with "breastfeed".

- 520 (4) Code Section 31-1-19, relating to prohibition on expenditure or use of state resources to
521 advocate for or intend to influence citizens in support of Medicaid expansion under the
522 federal Affordable Care Act, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Law" with "P.L."
- 523 (5) Code Section 31-1-24, relating to organ transplant protections for individuals with
524 disabilities and civil relief for violations, in division (a)(2)(C)(ii), by inserting a comma
525 following "Section 1320d" and by replacing "such Act" with "such act".
- 526 (6) Code Section 31-2-4, relating to department's powers, duties, functions, and
527 responsibilities, divisions, directors, and contracts for health benefits, in
528 subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "*State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.*,"
529 with "State of Georgia, et al. v. Philip Morris, Inc., et al.," and in the introductory language
530 of subparagraph (d)(10)(B) and in subparagraph (d)(11)(B), by replacing "For purposes of"
531 with "As used in".
- 532 (7) Code Section 31-2-8, relating to actions against certain applicants or licensees, in
533 subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in", by replacing "shall be used
534 to refer to" with "means", and by replacing "provisions of the law" with "provisions of law"
535 and in subparagraph (c)(6)(B), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 536 (8) Code Section 31-2-17, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.
- 537 (9) Code Section 31-2-18, relating to website reporting on state health plans, in
538 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Medical" with "The medical", in paragraph (a)(2), by
539 replacing "PeachCare" with "The PeachCare", in the introductory language of subsection (b),
540 by replacing "department website" with "department's website", and in paragraph (b)(3), by
541 replacing "non-emergent" with "nonemergent".
- 542 (10) Code Section 31-2A-12, relating to the Georgia Commission on Maternal and Infant
543 Health and composition, membership, duties, and responsibilities, in subsection (c), by
544 replacing "council" with "commission", in paragraph (e)(5), by inserting a comma following
545 "chapter", and in subsection (h), by inserting "and reserved" following "repealed".

- 546 (11) Code Section 31-2A-16, relating to Maternal Mortality Review Committee established,
547 in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Chapter 7 of Title 31," with "Chapter 7 of this title,".
- 548 (12) Code Section 31-5-3, relating to appeals, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "however,"
549 with "however, that,".
- 550 (13) Code Section 31-6-21.1, relating to procedures for rule making by Department of
551 Community Health, in subsection (h), by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'rules'
552 shall mean" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'rules' means".
- 553 (14) Code Section 31-6-40, relating to certificate of need required for new institutional
554 health services and exemption, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, all" with "however,
555 that all".
- 556 (15) Code Section 31-6-42, relating to qualifications for issuance of certificate, in the
557 undesignated text at the end of subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used
558 in".
- 559 (16) Code Section 31-6-43, relating to acceptance or rejection of application for certificate,
560 in subsection (k), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 561 (17) Code Section 31-6-44.1, relating to judicial review, in subsection (c), by replacing
562 "however," with "however, that".
- 563 (18) Code Section 31-6-45.2, relating to participation as Medicaid provider requirement,
564 termination by health care facility of participation as provider of medical assistance, and
565 monetary penalty, in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "For
566 purposes of this Code section, 'good cause' shall mean:" with "As used in this Code section,
567 the term 'good cause' means:".
- 568 (19) Code Section 31-6-70, relating to reports to the department by certain health care
569 facilities and all ambulatory surgical centers and imaging centers and public availability, in
570 the introductory language of paragraph (b)(8), by replacing "person" with "persons" and in
571 subsection (g), by replacing "department website" with "department's website".

572 (20) Code Section 31-7-1, relating to definitions regarding regulation and construction of
573 hospitals other health care facilities, in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (4), by
574 replacing "The term 'institution'" with "Such term" and in subparagraph (8)(B), by inserting
575 "that" following "provided".

576 (21) Code Section 31-7-2.2, relating to determination that patients or residents in an
577 institution, community living arrangement, or treatment program are in danger, relocation
578 of patients or residents, and suspension of admissions, in the introductory language of
579 paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "or program" with "or a program".

580 (22) Code Section 31-7-7, relating to refusal or revocation by public hospital of staff
581 privileges, in subsection (a), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".

582 (23) Code Section 31-7-12, relating to personal care homes, licensure and registration,
583 inspection by local boards, fees, investigations, waiver, variance, or exemption, staffing,
584 training, and financial stability requirements, and certified medication aides, in
585 paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "This term" with "Such term" and by deleting "of
586 subsection (b)".

587 (24) Code Section 31-7-12.2, relating to regulation and licensing of assisted living
588 communities, legislative intent, definitions, procedures, and requirements for medication
589 aides, in subsection (e), by replacing "Office" with "office".

590 (25) Code Section 31-7-12.8, relating to certification as nurse aide, employer sponsored
591 training and competency examination programs, and provisional practice by military medical
592 personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

593 (26) Code Section 31-7-55, relating to administration of state funds, by inserting "federal"
594 preceding "Public Health Service Act".

595 (27) Code Section 31-7-56, relating to adherence to federal law and regulations, by inserting
596 "federal" preceding "Public Health Service Act".

597 (28) Code Section 31-7-92, relating to filing of audits, by deleting the comma following
598 "municipality".

- 599 (29) Code Section 31-7-133, relating to confidentiality of review organization's records, in
600 subsection (a) and paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "however, such" with "however, that such".
- 601 (30) Code Section 31-7-407.1, relating to report of findings, by replacing "the time for
602 issuing said" with "that the time for issuing such".
- 603 (31) Code Section 31-8-3, relating to disbursement of state funds to counties, by replacing
604 "however, the" with "however, that the".
- 605 (32) Code Section 31-8-9.1, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, obligations of rural
606 hospitals after receipt of funds, and posting information on website, in
607 subparagraph (a)(3)(H), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 608 (33) Code Section 31-8-82, relating to persons required to report abuse or exploitation, time
609 for making report, contents of report, records, and privileged communications, in
610 paragraph (a)(9), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".
- 611 (34) Code Section 31-8-171, relating to definitions regarding quality assessment fees on care
612 management organizations, in paragraph (1), by deleting "of the Official Code of Georgia
613 Annotated" and by replacing "Sec." with "Section".
- 614 (35) Code Section 31-8-307, relating to referrals to the drug repository program, in the
615 introductory language of subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "Corrections" and
616 in paragraph (a)(3), by inserting a comma following "limited to".
- 617 (36) Code Section 31-9-2, relating to persons authorized to consent to surgical or medical
618 treatment, in paragraph (a)(7), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph," with "As used
619 in this paragraph, the term" and in subsection (c), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As
620 used in".
- 621 (37) Code Section 31-9-6.1, relating to disclosure of certain information to persons
622 undergoing certain surgical or diagnostic procedures, failure to comply, exceptions, and
623 regulations establishing standards for implementation, in paragraph (e)(4), by inserting a
624 comma following "however, that".

625 (38) Code Section 31-9A-2, relating to definitions regarding woman's right to know, in
626 paragraph (1), by replacing "The term 'abortion'" with "Such term" each time the phrase
627 appears, in paragraph (6), by replacing "Internet" with "internet", and in paragraph (7), by
628 replacing "homo sapiens" with "Homo sapiens".

629 (39) Code Section 31-9A-3, relating to voluntary and informed consent to abortion and
630 availability of ultrasound, in subparagraph (2)(D), by replacing "they shall" with "such
631 materials shall".

632 (40) Code Section 31-9B-2, relating to requirement to determine presence of detectable
633 human heartbeat of unborn child, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "Code
634 Section 43-34-8".

635 (41) Code Section 31-10-14, relating to issuance of new certificate of birth following
636 adoption and legitimation or paternity determination, in subsection (b), by replacing
637 "step-parent" with "stepparent".

638 (42) Code Section 31-11-52, relating to certification and recertification of, and training for,
639 paramedics and cardiac technicians, qualifications by felons, and provisional practice by
640 military medical personnel, in subsection (e), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used
641 in".

642 (43) Code Section 31-11-53, relating to services which may be rendered by certified
643 emergency medical technicians and trainees and provisional practice by military medical
644 personnel, in subsection (d), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

645 (44) Code Section 31-11-82, relating to evaluation of person with emergency condition,
646 initiation of intervention without prospective authorization, and insurer may not deny
647 payment after prospective authorization given, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes
648 of" with "As used in".

649 (45) Code Section 31-12-2, relating to reporting certain diseases and neonatal abstinence
650 syndrome, confidentiality, reporting required of pharmacists, immunity from liability as to
651 information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism, in subsection (a), by

652 replacing "however," with "however, that" and in paragraph (a.1)(2), by replacing
653 "diagnosis" with "diagnoses".

654 (46) Code Section 31-12-3.1, relating to vaccination registry and reporting requirements,
655 maintenance, and use of information, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b),
656 by replacing "United States" with "federal".

657 (47) Code Section 31-12-4.1, relating to smallpox vaccination and treatment program, in
658 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "workers," with "worker," and by replacing "said hospital"
659 with "such hospital," and in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing
660 "said" with "such".

661 (48) Code Section 31-12-13, relating to definitions concerning bloodborne pathogens,
662 standards, and funds for research and development, in the introductory language of
663 subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

664 (49) Code Section 31-13-6, relating to bonding licensees, in subsection (a), by replacing
665 "bond not less" with "bond of not less".

666 (50) Code Section 31-14-14, relating to immunity from liability, by replacing "Title 31,"
667 with "this title,".

668 (51) Code Section 31-17-4.2, relating to HIV and syphilis pregnancy screening, in
669 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "28-32" with "28 to 32".

670 (52) Code Section 31-20-2, relating to performance of sterilization procedure upon request,
671 by replacing "that prior to or at the time of such request" with "that, prior to or at the time of
672 such request,".

673 (53) Code Section 31-21-3, relating to death of person with infectious or communicable
674 disease, required reporting procedures, confidentiality, disclosure, and penalties, in the
675 introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For the purposes of" with "As used
676 in" and in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "or" with "and".

677 (54) Code Section 31-21-6, relating to notification of law enforcement agency upon
678 disturbance, destruction, or debasement of human remains, in the introductory language of
679 subsection (b), by replacing "ancestors of or" with "ancestors of".

680 (55) Code Section 31-21-7, relating to preneed contracts and revisions, affidavit on
681 disposition of remains, role of probate court, warrant as to truthfulness, and liability of
682 funeral home, in paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

683 (56) Code Section 31-21-20, relating to Board for the Distribution of Cadavers, by replacing
684 "For the purposes of" with "As used in".

685 (57) Code Section 31-21-21, relating to delivery to board of certain unclaimed bodies, in
686 subsection (a), by deleting "for distribution".

687 (58) Code Section 31-21-23, relating to distribution of bodies by board, by deleting "for
688 distribution" and by deleting "above-specified".

689 (59) Code Section 31-21-24, relating to transportation of bodies, by deleting "for
690 distribution" and by deleting "above".

691 (60) Code Section 31-21-26, relating to payment of expenses, by deleting "for distribution".

692 (61) Code Section 31-33-2, relating to furnishing copy of records to patient, provider, or
693 other authorized person, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "42 U.S.C. Section 1320d-2, et
694 seq.," with "P.L. 104-191,".

695 (62) Code Section 31-33-7, relating to furnishing copies of psychological or psychiatric
696 evaluation to law enforcement officer upon request, in subsection (c), by inserting a comma
697 following "information".

698 (63) Code Section 31-33-8, relating to electronic records and application to psychiatric,
699 psychological, or other mental health records, in subsection (g), by inserting a comma
700 following "(d)".

701 (64) Code Section 31-34-4, relating to loan applicant qualifications and rules and
702 regulations, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Education or the American Osteopathic
703 Association" with "Education, the American Osteopathic Association," , in paragraph (c)(1),

704 by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this
705 article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting loans under the provisions of this
706 article,", and in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "consider among other criteria for granting
707 loans under the provisions of this article" with "consider, among other criteria for granting
708 loans under the provisions of this article," and by replacing "future census state" with "future
709 such census".

710 (65) Code Section 31-34-5, relating to service cancelable loan, amount, repayment, and
711 determination of underserved rural areas, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "that for
712 applicants that" with "that, for applicants who".

713 (66) Code Section 31-34-6, relating to contract between applicant and state agreeing to terms
714 and conditions of loan, breach of contract, and service cancelable contracts, in
715 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "article who breaches" with "article that breaches".

716 (67) Code Section 31-35-1, relating to legislative findings, by replacing "the United States
717 Centers" with "the federal Centers".

718 (68) Code Section 31-36B-5, relating to healthcare decision making by lay caregiver, no
719 delay in care, and responsibilities, in subsection (e), by replacing "Center for Medicare" with
720 "federal Centers for Medicare".

721 (69) Code Section 31-41-12, relating to definitions regarding childhood lead exposure
722 control, in paragraph (2), by replacing "age including" with "age, including" and in
723 paragraph (7), by replacing "14 U.S.C. Code Section 185(b)(15)" with "P.L. 102-550".

724 (70) Code Section 31-52-3, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Right to Try Act,"
725 in subparagraph (5)(A), by replacing "Title 31" with "this title".

726 (71) Code Section 31-53-3, relating to establishment of Office of Health Strategy and
727 Coordination and powers and duties, in paragraph (b)(16), by inserting "and" preceding
728 "practice" and by replacing "outcome" with "outcomes" and in paragraph (b)(23), by
729 replacing "Centralizing" with "Centralize".

730 (72) Code Section 31-53-47, relating to submission of claims and personal identification
731 data not public record, in subsection (b), by deleting the comma following "paid" and by
732 replacing "Data Submission Guide" with "data submission guide" and in subsection (d), by
733 replacing "claim" with "claims".

734 (73) Code Section 31-53-50, relating to penalties for noncompliance, in subsection (b), by
735 deleting the comma following "31-53-51".

736 (74) Code Section 31-54-2, relating to law enforcement powers, required training, and
737 carrying of weapon, in subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "however, that" and
738 "further, that" and in subsection (b), by replacing "must" with "shall".

739 (75) The following Code sections, by inserting "federal" preceding "Centers for Disease
740 Control and Prevention" each time the term appears:

741 (A) Code Section 31-7-18, relating to vaccinations for influenza and pneumococcal disease
742 for certain discharged patients, vaccinations or other measures for health care workers and
743 other employees in hospitals, immunity from liability, and standing orders;

744 (B) Code Section 31-7-19, relating to nursing homes to annually offer influenza
745 vaccinations to health care workers and other employees and immunity from liability;

746 (C) Code Section 31-7-21, relating to provision of influenza education information to
747 assisted living community residents;

748 (D) Code Section 31-12-3.2, relating to meningococcal disease, vaccinations, and
749 disclosures;

750 (E) Code Section 31-22-9.2, relating to HIV tests and report of positive results,
751 notification, counseling, violations, exception for insurance coverage, and exposure of
752 health care provider;

753 (F) Code Section 31-45A-3, relating to development of model aquatic safety plan; and

754 (G) Code Section 31-49-3, relating to duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Council
755 on Lupus Education and Awareness.

756 **SECTION 32.**

757 Reserved.

758 **SECTION 33.**

759 Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, is amended in:

760 (1) Code Section 33-64-7, relating to the Commissioner of Insurance's authority over rules
761 and regulations, in subsection (c), by replacing "deidentified" with "de-identified".

762 (2) Code Section 33-66-6, relating to data analysis and initial report, in subsection (b), by
763 replacing "this Code Section" with "this Code section" and in subsection (c), by replacing
764 "Governor's Office," with "Governor's office,".

765 **SECTION 34.**

766 Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations,
767 is amended in:

768 (1) Code Section 34-8-167, relating to collection of delinquent contribution payments
769 generally, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Sections 48-2-55 and 48-3-1" with "Code
770 Section 48-2-55".

771 **SECTION 35.**

772 Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and
773 agencies, is amended in:

774 (1) Code Section 35-1-8, relating to acquisition, collection, classification, and preservation
775 of information assisting in identifying deceased persons and locating missing persons, in
776 paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in this
777 subsection, the term".

- 778 (2) Code Section 35-1-19, relating to disclosure of arrest booking photographs prohibited,
779 in subsection (b), by replacing "State Sexual Offender Registry," with "state sexual offender
780 registry,".
- 781 (3) Code Section 35-2-15, relating to off-duty use of motor vehicles and other equipment by
782 certain law enforcement officers, conditions for use, and rules and regulations, in
783 paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".
- 784 (4) Code Section 35-2-49, relating to provision of uniforms and equipment to sworn
785 members of the Department of Public Safety and radio operators and retention of weapons
786 and badges upon retirement, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department"
787 each time the term appears and by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 788 (5) Code Section 35-2-51, relating to storeroom for excess clothing, equipment, and other
789 articles and disposition of old and worn equipment, in subsection (b), by replacing "must"
790 with "shall" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".
- 791 (6) Code Section 35-2-52, relating to clothing allowance for members of Uniform Division
792 assigned permanently to personal security or special duty assignments, by replacing "Board
793 of Public Safety," with "board,".
- 794 (7) Code Section 35-2-57, relating to use of retired unmarked pursuit cars for training, by
795 replacing "Georgia State Patrol" with "Uniform Division" and by deleting "of public safety"
796 following "commissioner".
- 797 (8) Code Section 35-2-81, relating to definitions regarding Department of Public Safety
798 nomenclature, in paragraph (1), by replacing "Department of Public Safety," with
799 "department,", and by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraphs (4)
800 through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively.
- 801 (9) Code Section 35-2-84, relating to procedure for seeking permission to use department
802 nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".
- 803 (10) Code Section 35-2-120, relating to definitions regarding the Capitol Police Division,
804 by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (2).

805 (11) Code Section 35-3-5, relating to director and creation, appointment and removal, and
806 powers and duties, in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board".

807 (12) Code Section 35-3-7, relating to agreements by director and commissioner for provision
808 of services and material, by deleting "of public safety" following "commissioner" and by
809 replacing "Board of Public Safety," with "board,".

810 (13) Code Section 35-3-31, relating to establishment of center, staff and equipment
811 generally, and State Personnel Board status of personnel, in subsection (a), by replacing
812 "Georgia Bureau of Investigation," with "bureau," and in subsection (c), by replacing
813 "Department of Public Safety," with "department,".

814 (14) Code Section 35-3-63, relating to creation of task force and purposes, by replacing
815 "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with "bureau" each time the term appears and by replacing
816 "This Antiterrorism Task Force" with "The task force".

817 (15) Code Section 35-3-104, relating to procedures for seeking permission to use bureau
818 nomenclature or symbols, by replacing "Board of Public Safety." with "board.".

819 (16) Code Section 35-3-150, relating to definitions regarding the Division of Forensic
820 Sciences, by revising said Code section as follows:

821 "35-3-150.

822 As used in this article, the term:

823 ~~(1) 'Board' means the Board of Public Safety.~~

824 ~~(2)~~(1) 'Crime lab' or 'state crime lab' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the
825 ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau.

826 ~~(3) 'Director' means the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.~~

827 ~~(4)~~(2) 'Division' means the Division of Forensic Sciences of the ~~Georgia Bureau of~~
828 ~~Investigation~~ bureau.

829 ~~(5)~~(3) 'Division director' means the director of the Division of Forensic Sciences of the
830 ~~Georgia Bureau of Investigation~~ bureau.

831 ~~(6)~~(4) 'Independent test' means a forensic analysis of evidence in the custody and
832 possession of the state or any political subdivision or authority thereof conducted at the
833 request of or on behalf of any person other than a prosecuting attorney, law enforcement
834 officer, or other authorized agent of the state or which are ordered conducted by a court
835 at the request of an accused.

836 ~~(7)~~(5) 'Regional medical examiner' shall have the same meaning as ~~defined in~~
837 ~~paragraph (13) of~~ set forth in Code Section 45-16-21.

838 ~~(8)~~(6) 'Rule' or 'rules' means a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to Chapter 13 of
839 Title 50, the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.'

840 (17) Code Section 35-3-204, relating to membership in Georgia Information Sharing and
841 Analysis Center and availability of analysts, in subsection (a), by deleting "of public safety"
842 following "commissioner".

843 (18) Code Section 35-5-2, relating to board authorized to establish, operate, and maintain
844 center and powers of board as to selection and compensation of administrator, in the
845 introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "Board of Public Safety" with "board"
846 and in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training
847 Center".

848 (19) Code Section 35-5-3, relating to assignment to Department of Public Safety for
849 administrative purposes and authorization to solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations,
850 property, and services, in subsection (a), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety
851 Training Center" and by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with "department".

852 (20) Code Section 35-5-4, relating to powers and duties of administrator of Georgia Public
853 Safety Training Center, by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center"
854 each time the term appears.

855 (21) Code Section 35-5-5, relating to center available for use by certain personnel, fees,
856 enrollment, authorization for expenditure of funds, and powers and duties, in subsections (a),

857 (b), and (c), by replacing "center" with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center" each time
858 the term appears.

859 (22) Code Section 35-5-7, relating to law enforcement unit, in subsection (a), by replacing
860 "center," with "Georgia Public Safety Training Center,".

861 (23) Code Section 35-6A-3, relating to membership, vacancies, and membership not bar to
862 holding public office, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Board of Public Safety," with
863 "board," and by replacing "the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental
864 Disabilities," with "behavioral health and developmental disabilities,".

865 (24) Code Section 35-6A-4, relating to election of chairperson and vice chairperson,
866 meetings, minutes and records, and rules, in paragraph (2), by replacing "chairman" with
867 "chairperson" and in paragraph (3), by inserting "and" at the end.

868 (25) Code Section 35-6A-10, relating to incentives for using federal Department of
869 Homeland Security's Secure Communities initiative and obligations of council, in
870 paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4), by replacing "Internet website;" with "internet website;".

871 (26) Code Section 35-6A-11, relating to juvenile justice advisory board and membership,
872 in paragraph (a)(8), by deleting "and" at the end and in subsection (d), by replacing "must"
873 with "shall".

874 (27) Code Section 35-6A-13, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as
875 reserved.

876 (28) Code Section 35-6A-14, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as
877 reserved.

878 (29) Code Section 35-6A-15, relating to grant program for transportation costs to emergency
879 treatment facilities, by replacing "the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council" with "the
880 council".

881 (30) Code Section 35-6A-17, relating to the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention
882 Advisory Board, membership, and termination, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Office of
883 the Attorney General;" with "office of the Attorney General;".

884 (31) Code Section 35-8-3, relating to the establishment of Georgia Peace Officer Standards
885 and Training Council, membership, organization, and administrative assignment to
886 Department of Public Safety, in paragraph (b)(1), by deleting "of public safety" following
887 "commissioner" and in subsection (e), by replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with
888 "the department".

889 (32) Code Section 35-8-7.4, relating to bias motivated intimidation of first responders and
890 prosecution and penalty, in subsection (a), by replacing the comma with a semicolon
891 following "fire department" and by replacing the comma with a semicolon following "Code
892 Section 35-8-2".

893 (33) Code Section 35-8-8, relating to requirements for appointment or certification of
894 persons as peace officers and preemployment attendance at basic training course and
895 "employment related information" defined, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "For purposes
896 of this subsection," with "As used in this subsection,".

897 (34) Code Section 35-8-10, relating to applicability and effect of certification requirements
898 generally and requirements as to exempt persons, in subsection (b), by replacing "Department
899 of Public Safety," with "department," and by replacing "must" with "shall".

900 (35) Code Section 35-8-13.1, relating to training and certification of municipal probation
901 officers, in subsection (e), by replacing "The term 'municipal probation officer' as used in this
902 Code section means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'municipal probation
903 officer' means", by replacing "the term 'municipal probation officer'" with "such term", and
904 by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council"
905 and in subsection (f), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training
906 Council" with "the council".

907 (36) Code Section 35-8-20, relating to training requirements for police chiefs, department
908 heads, and wardens, effect of failure to fulfill training requirement, and waiver of
909 requirements, in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia Peace Officer Standards
910 and Training Council" with "the council".

911 (37) Code Section 35-8-20.1, relating to training for police chiefs and department heads
912 appointed after June 30, 1999, and waivers, in subsections (b) and (h), by replacing "the
913 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

914 (38) Code Section 35-8-21, relating to training requirements for peace officers, waiver,
915 exemption for retired peace officers, and confirmation of training, in subsection (a), by
916 replacing "the Department of Public Safety" with "the department" and by deleting "of public
917 safety" following "commissioner" and in subsections (b) and (e), by replacing "the Georgia
918 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

919 (39) Code Section 35-8-23, relating to basic training course for communications officers,
920 certification requirements, duties of council, and rules and regulations, in subsection (d), by
921 replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)".

922 (40) Code Section 35-8-24, relating to training requirements for jail officers and juvenile
923 correctional officers, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (c), by replacing "the
924 Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

925 (41) Code Section 35-8-26, relating to TASER and electronic control weapons, requirements
926 for use, establishment of policies, and training, in subsection (c), by replacing "the Georgia
927 Peace Officer Standards and Training Council" with "the council".

928 (42) The following Code sections, by replacing "Department of Public Safety" with
929 "department" each time the term appears:

930 (A) Code Section 35-1-22, relating to prohibition on law enforcement retaining license
931 plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems, limited use of data,
932 and public disclosure prohibited;

933 (B) Code Section 35-2-1, relating to creation of Board of Public Safety, composition, and
934 appointment and terms of office of members;

935 (C) Code Section 35-2-31, relating to composition;

936 (D) Code Section 35-2-36.1, relating to Auxiliary Service of the Uniform Division,
937 appointment of members, salary, authority and powers, equipment, and eligibility;

- 938 (E) Code Section 35-2-41.1, relating to donation or conveyance of property, equipment,
939 or services to the department and procedure;
- 940 (F) Code Section 35-2-44, relating to enlistment, examination, preliminary training,
941 subsequent instruction, and rules and regulations for discipline and conduct of recruits and
942 troopers of Uniform Division;
- 943 (G) Code Section 35-2-45, relating to promotions of personnel in Uniform Division;
- 944 (H) Code Section 35-2-49.1, relating to retention of badge and weapon by disabled law
945 enforcement officer;
- 946 (I) Code Section 35-2-50, relating to purchasing of uniforms, supplies, and equipment;
- 947 (J) Code Section 35-2-53, relating to members of Uniform Division to receive no costs or
948 emoluments, exception for rewards, and payment and distribution of fines and costs;
- 949 (K) Code Section 35-2-74, relating to Governor to prescribe coverage by State Personnel
950 Board;
- 951 (L) Code Section 35-2-102, relating to weight inspector positions, training, powers and
952 responsibilities, and presence of certified peace officer;
- 953 (M) Code Section 35-2-140, relating to transfer of certain personnel, aircraft, and other
954 assets from the Georgia Aviation Authority to the department;
- 955 (N) Code Section 35-2-160, relating to definitions regarding Office of Public Safety
956 Support;
- 957 (O) Code Section 35-2-161, relating to Office of Public Safety Support established;
- 958 (P) Code Section 35-2-163, relating to peer counseling and critical incident support
959 services, certification, and employment of necessary staff;
- 960 (Q) Code Section 35-3-4, relating to powers and duties of bureau generally;
- 961 (R) Code Section 35-4-3, relating to academy assigned to department for administrative
962 purposes; and
- 963 (S) Code Section 35-8-2, relating to definitions regarding employment and training of
964 peace officers.

965 (43) The following Code sections, by replacing "Georgia Bureau of Investigation" with
966 "bureau" each time the term appears:

967 (A) Code Section 35-3-3, relating to divisions of bureau;

968 (B) Code Section 35-3-33, relating to powers and duties of the Georgia Crime Information
969 Center generally;

970 (C) Code Section 35-3-34, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to
971 private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and
972 provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant
973 Criminal Background Check System;

974 (D) Code Section 35-3-80, relating to definitions regarding the Missing Children
975 Information Center;

976 (E) Code Section 35-3-81, relating to establishment, development, maintenance, and
977 operation of center and staff;

978 (F) Code Section 35-3-84, relating to sending information to center;

979 (G) Code Section 35-3-151, relating to responsibilities of the Division of Forensic
980 Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation;

981 (H) Code Section 35-3-152, relating to appointment, powers, and responsibilities of
982 division director;

983 (I) Code Section 35-3-160, relating to DNA analysis in felony convictions and certain
984 felony charges and performance of tests; and

985 (J) Code Section 35-3-201, relating to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis
986 Center established and purpose.

987 **SECTION 36.**

988 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended
989 in:

- 990 (1) Code Section 36-1-20, relating to ordinances for governing and policing of
991 unincorporated areas of county, in subsection (b), by inserting a comma following "however,
992 that" and by inserting a comma following "Clean Water Act".
- 993 (2) Code Section 36-5-28, relating to members of county governing authority to receive
994 compensation increase when classified service employees receive increase, calculation, and
995 effective date, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 996 (3) Code Section 36-9-3, relating to sale or disposition of county real property generally,
997 right of certain counties to make private sale, and right of county to negotiate and
998 consummate private sales of recreational set-asides, in division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing
999 "posts:" with "posts", in subparagraph (a)(3)(D), by replacing "however, that" with "however,
1000 that,", and in subparagraph (g)(3)(B), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
- 1001 (4) Code Section 36-17-21, relating to allocation of funds, grant of tax credit to homesteads
1002 as prerequisite to receipt of funds, and use of surplus funds, in subsection (a), by replacing
1003 "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 1004 (5) Code Section 36-32-2, relating to appointment of judges, in paragraph (a)(2), by
1005 replacing "provided such" with "provided that such".
- 1006 (6) Code Section 36-32-2.1, relating to removal of judges, in the introductory language of
1007 paragraph (b)(3), by replacing "alleged" with "alleges" and in subparagraph (b)(3)(D), by
1008 deleting "of subsection (c)".
- 1009 (7) Code Section 36-32-13, relating to municipal court clerks and role of Municipal Courts
1010 Training Council, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes
1011 of" with "As used in".
- 1012 (8) Code Section 36-34-5, relating to acquisition and construction of water and sewage
1013 systems, in subsection (b), by replacing "subsection (c)" with "subsection (d)".
- 1014 (9) Code Section 36-36-4, relating to creation of unincorporated islands prohibited and
1015 authorization to provide services or functions, in subsection (b), by replacing "For purposes
1016 of this subsection, 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as contained in

1017 paragraph (3) of Code Section 36-36-90." with "As used in this subsection, the term
1018 'unincorporated island' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 36-36-90."
1019 (10) Code Section 36-36-11, relating to effect of objection to land use following rezoning
1020 and minimum procedures for addressing issues, in subsection (a), by replacing "however,
1021 that" with "however, that,".

1022 (11) Code Section 36-36-16, relating to procedures for annexation and referendum, in
1023 subsection (b), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1024 (12) Code Section 36-36-112, relating to prohibition on a change in zoning or land use, by
1025 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1026 (13) Code Section 36-36-115, relating to meetings of arbitration panel, duties, findings and
1027 recommendations, and compensation, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "however, that" with
1028 "however, that,".

1029 (14) Code Section 36-37-6, relating to disposition of municipal property generally, in
1030 division (a)(2)(B)(iv), by replacing "posts:" with "posts" and in subsection (c), by replacing
1031 "however, that" with "however, that,".

1032 (15) Code Section 36-41-3, relating to definitions regarding urban residential finance
1033 authorities for large municipalities, in paragraph (14), by replacing "The term 'real property'"
1034 with "Such term", in paragraph (16), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that," and
1035 by replacing "The term 'residential housing'" with "Such term", and in paragraph (17), by
1036 replacing "The term 'security interest'" with "Such term".

1037 (16) Code Section 36-45-20, relating to training course regarding clerk of the governing
1038 authority of a municipality, in subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used
1039 in".

1040 (17) Code Section 36-60-6, relating to utilization of federal work authorization program,
1041 "employee" defined, issuance of license, evidence of state licensure, annual reporting,
1042 standardized form affidavit, violation, and investigations, in subsection (b), by replacing "For
1043 purposes of" with "As used in".

- 1044 (18) Code Section 36-60-15.1, relating to operation and maintenance of water treatment
1045 systems by private entities, by replacing "For purposes of this Code section, 'applicant'
1046 means" with "As used in this Code section, the term 'applicant' means".
- 1047 (19) Code Section 36-60-17, relating to water supplier's cut off of water to property because
1048 of indebtedness of prior owner, occupant, or lessee prohibited, records required, statement
1049 of past due amounts, and limited liens for unpaid charges for water, gas, sewerage service,
1050 or electricity, in subparagraph (c)(1)(D), by replacing "e-mail" with "email".
- 1051 (20) Code Section 36-60-19, relating to dispatch centers, required training for
1052 communications officers, exceptions, and penalty for noncompliance, in subsection (a), by
1053 replacing "(TDD's)" with "(TDDs)" each time the term appears.
- 1054 (21) Code Section 36-60-21, relating to contracts with private companies to construct and
1055 operate private toll roads and bridges to facilitate public transportation without additional tax
1056 revenues, in subsection (d), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1057 (22) Code Section 36-60-24, relating to sale or use or ignition of consumer fireworks
1058 products, in subsection (f), by replacing "For purposes of this subsection," with "As used in
1059 this Code section," and by replacing "provided" with "set forth".
- 1060 (23) Code Section 36-63-2, relating to purpose of chapter regarding resource recovery
1061 development authorities, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
- 1062 (24) Code Section 36-63-4, relating to definitions regarding resource recovery development
1063 authorities, in paragraph (10), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".
- 1064 (25) Code Section 36-63-8, relating to powers of authority generally, in paragraph (a)(6),
1065 by replacing "however," with "however, that".
- 1066 (26) Code Section 36-66-3, relating to definitions regarding zoning procedures, in
1067 paragraph (1.1), by replacing "powers including" with "powers, including" and in
1068 paragraph (5), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".
- 1069 (27) Code Section 36-66-4, relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of
1070 hearing, nongovernmental initiated actions, reconsideration of defeated actions, and

- 1071 procedure on zoning, in subsection (a), by replacing "this Code Section." with "this Code
1072 section."
- 1073 (28) Code Section 36-66C-7, relating to requirements of authority following receipt of
1074 application, notification of time lapse, consolidated application, limitation on installation
1075 locations and permits, reconditioning work, time restrictions, imminent risk to public safety,
1076 repair of damage, and delivery of notice or decision, in paragraph (j)(8), by replacing
1077 "Title 36" with "this title" and in paragraph (m)(4), by replacing "120 days written notice"
1078 with "120 days' written notice".
- 1079 (29) Code Section 36-70-2, relating to definitions regarding coordinated and comprehensive
1080 planning and service delivery by counties and municipalities, in paragraph (4), by deleting
1081 "of the State of Georgia created pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50" and in
1082 paragraph (5.2), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".
- 1083 (30) Code Section 36-70-21, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to implementation
1084 agreements, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "December 31st" with "December 31".
- 1085 (31) Code Section 36-70-22, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to date for process
1086 initiation and notice to municipalities and counties impacted, in paragraph (a)(1), by
1087 replacing "April 1st" with "April 1" and by replacing "July 1st" with "July 1".
- 1088 (32) Code Section 36-70-22.1, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to response
1089 proposals, in subsection (a), by deleting ", and" following "Code Section 36-70-23" and by
1090 replacing "all such factual" with "all factual".
- 1091 (33) Code Section 36-70-25.2, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to nonbinding
1092 arbitration process, in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "the 180th day" with "180 days".
- 1093 (34) Code Section 36-70-25.3, as effective on January 1, 2026, relating to judicial resolution
1094 of certain disputes, in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) and subsection (b), by replacing
1095 "non-binding" with "nonbinding".
- 1096 (35) Code Section 36-72-2, relating to definitions regarding abandoned cemeteries and
1097 burial grounds, in paragraph (3), by replacing "The term" with "Such term".

- 1098 (36) Code Section 36-76-2, relating to definitions regarding expedited franchising of cable
1099 and video services, in subparagraph (8)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however,
1100 that,", in subparagraph (8)(E), by replacing "Internet" with "internet" each time the term
1101 appears, and in paragraph (17), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".
- 1102 (37) Code Section 36-76-4, relating to application process for the issuance of a state
1103 franchise and fees, in paragraph (c)(2), by replacing "geographical area" with "geographic
1104 area" and in paragraph (g)(8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1105 (38) Code Section 36-80-16.1, relating to the PILOT Restriction Act, payments in lieu of
1106 taxes defined, and financing capital projects, in the undesignated text at the end of
1107 subsection (b), by replacing "The term 'payments in lieu of taxes'" with "Such term".
- 1108 (39) Code Section 36-80-17, relating to authorization to contract for utility services and
1109 conditions and limitations, in subsection (a), by replacing "the term 'local authority' does"
1110 with "such term does".
- 1111 (40) Code Section 36-80-19, relating to general codification of ordinances and resolutions,
1112 publication and availability of code, and official state repository for general codifications,
1113 in paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet".
- 1114 (41) Code Section 36-80-25, relating to financing of public projects by local entities, in
1115 subsection (a), by replacing "health care" with "healthcare".
- 1116 (42) Code Section 36-80-26, relating to multi-county community improvement districts for
1117 transit projects, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing "For purposes
1118 of" with "As used in" and in subsection (b), by replacing "multi-county" with "multicounty".
- 1119 (43) Code Section 36-81-2, relating to definitions regarding local government budgets and
1120 audits, in paragraph (7), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in
1121 paragraph (16), by replacing "For purposes of this paragraph, 'county' includes" with "As
1122 used in this paragraph, the term 'county' includes".

- 1123 (44) Code Section 36-82-1, relating to election for bonded debt, right to sell bonds at
1124 discount, advertisements as binding statements of intention, use of surpluses, meetings open
1125 to public, and refunding, in subsection (f), by replacing "however," with "however, that".
- 1126 (45) Code Section 36-82-60, relating to short title regarding revenue bonds, by inserting
1127 "shall be known and" preceding "may be cited".
- 1128 (46) Code Section 36-82-75, relating to duty of district attorney or Attorney General to file
1129 petition, order to show cause, service of petition and order, and answer, by replacing
1130 "however," with "however, that".
- 1131 (47) Code Section 36-82-182, relating to definitions regarding the "Georgia Allocation
1132 System," in paragraph (3), by replacing "For purposes of this article, the term 'bonds'" with
1133 "Such term" and in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term 'business day'" with "Such term".
- 1134 (48) Code Section 36-82-240, relating to definitions regarding commercial paper notes from
1135 government, in paragraph (2), by replacing "The term 'governmental entity' does not include
1136 'state authorities' as defined in paragraph (9) of Code Section 50-17-21." with "Such term
1137 does not include state authorities as defined in Code Section 50-17-21.".
- 1138 (49) Code Section 36-85-2, relating to formation, functions, counties and municipalities as
1139 separate classes, agreements creating agencies, and files of administrator are sole property
1140 of agency, in subsection (b), by replacing "however," with "however, that,".
- 1141 (50) Code Section 36-91-20, relating to written contract required, advertising, competitive
1142 sealed bidding, timing of addendums, and prequalification, in paragraph (b)(3), by replacing
1143 "Internet" with "internet" each time the term appears.
- 1144 (51) Code Section 36-91-21, relating to competitive award requirements, in
1145 paragraph (b)(4), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1146 (52) Code Section 36-91-50, relating to projects requiring bid bonds, revocation of bids, and
1147 surety, in subsection (c), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1148 **SECTION 37.**

1149 Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, is amended in:

1150 (1) Code Section 37-2-6.5, relating to cessation of operations by community service board,
1151 notification, and continuation of operations by successor board, county board of health, or
1152 outside manager, in paragraph (b)(2), by deleting "paragraph (1) of".

1153 (2) Code Section 37-2-11, relating to allocation of available funds for services, recipients
1154 to meet minimum standards, accounting for fees generated by providers, and discrimination
1155 in providing services prohibited, in subsection (b), by replacing "Code Section 37-3-6.1,"
1156 with "Code Section 37-2-6.1,".

1157 (3) Code Section 37-7-167, relating to right of patient to examine his records and to request
1158 correction of inaccuracies, promulgation of rules and regulations, and judicial supervision
1159 of files and records relating to proceedings under this chapter, in subsection (d), by inserting
1160 "of subsection (a)" following "paragraphs (7) and (8)".

1161 **SECTION 38.**

1162 Reserved.

1163 **SECTION 39.**

1164 Reserved.

1165 **SECTION 40.**

1166 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
1167 amended in:

1168 (1) Code Section 40-1-221, relating to assumption of liability and insurance, in
1169 paragraph (c)(4), by replacing "car sharing" with "car-sharing" and in subsection (f), by
1170 replacing "car-sharing" with "peer-to-peer car-sharing".

1171 (2) Code Section 40-2-20, relating to registration and license requirements, certificate of
1172 registration and temporary operating permit, and two-year registration option for new motor
1173 vehicles, in subsection (d), by inserting a comma following "taxes".

1174 (3) Code Section 40-5-100, relating to application, contents of card, prohibition on
1175 possession of more than one card, and optional contributions to and participation in voluntary
1176 programs, in paragraph (f)(2), by replacing "a identification card" with "an identification
1177 card".

1178 (4) Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit in school zones with
1179 recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and consequences for failure to pay penalty, in the
1180 introductory language of subsection (h), by inserting "of this Code section" following
1181 "subsection (g)".

1182 (5) Code Section 40-16-8, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

1183 **SECTION 41.**

1184 Reserved.

1185 **SECTION 42.**

1186 Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, is amended
1187 in:

1188 (1) Code Section 42-1-12, relating to the State Sexual Offender Registry, in
1189 paragraph (a)(6.1), by replacing "paragraph (2)" with "paragraph (3)".

1190 (2) Code Section 42-5-64, relating to educational programming and information provided
1191 to released prisoners, in subsection (f), by replacing "a personal identification card" with "an
1192 identification card".

SECTION 43.

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1194 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
1195 is amended in:

1196 (1) Code Section 43-1-34, relating to licenses for transitioning members of the armed forces,
1197 in the introductory language of paragraph (d)(1), by replacing "described herein," with "set
1198 forth in this Code section,".

1199 (2) Code Section 43-1-35, relating to expedited license by endorsement for spouses of active
1200 or transitioning members of the armed forces and license by endorsement for certain
1201 professions, in the introductory language of subsection (c), by replacing "or a law" with "or
1202 law" and by replacing "individual has:" with "individual:".

1203 (3) Code Section 43-6-11, relating to qualifications of applicants for auctioneer's license, in
1204 subsection (d), by inserting "diploma" following "(HSE)".

1205 (4) Code Section 43-11-2.1, relating to board authority, appointment, powers, and duties of
1206 executive director and meetings, in subsection (b), by replacing "Chapter 1 of Title 43" with
1207 "Chapter 1 of this title".

1208 (5) Code Section 43-15-2, relating to definitions regarding professional engineers and land
1209 surveyors, in paragraph (5.1), by replacing "'Executive Director'" with "'Executive director'".

1210 (6) Code Section 43-24A-19, relating to exceptions regarding the "Georgia Massage
1211 Therapy Practice Act," in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title".

1212 (7) Code Section 43-26-10, relating to practicing without a license prohibited, in
1213 paragraph (4), by replacing "so to practice" with "to practice".

1214 (8) Code Section 43-27-2, relating to State Board of Long-Term Care Facility
1215 Administrators and members, in the introductory language of subsection (a), by replacing
1216 "eleven" with "11".

1217 (9) Code Section 43-28-21, relating to text of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact,
1218 in Section 2A, by replacing "10 U.S.C. Chapter 1209 and Section 1211" with "10 U.S.C.
1219 Chapters 1209 and 1211".

- 1220 (10) Code Section 43-33-18, relating to refusal to grant or restore licenses, discipline of
1221 licensees, suspension, revocation, or restriction of licenses, and immunity for violation
1222 reporters, in the introductory language of subparagraph (a)(2)(A), division (a)(2)(A)(i), and
1223 subparagraph (a)(2)(E), by replacing "Title 43" with "this title" each time the term appears.
- 1224 (11) Code Section 43-33-31, relating to ratification and text of the Physical Therapy
1225 Licensure Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211" with
1226 "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".
- 1227 (12) Code Section 43-34-25, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced
1228 practice registered nurse, construction and limitations of such delegation, conditions of nurse
1229 protocol, and issuance of prescription drug orders, in paragraph (g)(10), by replacing "and
1230 who" with "who", in paragraph (g.1)(2), by deleting the comma following "body", and in
1231 subparagraph (m)(2)(C), by deleting "that".
- 1232 (13) Code Section 43-34-103, relating to application for licensure as a physician assistant,
1233 authorized delegated authority, and prohibited acts, in paragraph (c)(4), by deleting "that".
- 1234 (14) Code Section 43-34-290, relating to confidentiality of records regarding pain
1235 management clinics, by replacing "Chapter 34 of Title 43" with "this chapter".
- 1236 (15) Code Section 43-41-8, relating to eligibility for licensure without examination,
1237 reciprocity, and burden upon applicant, in paragraph (a)(2), by replacing "their" with "his or
1238 her".
- 1239 (16) Code Section 43-41-18, relating to certain military specialties or certifications entitle
1240 persons to obtain certain professional licenses, in subsections (b) and (c), by replacing
1241 "residential light-commercial" with "residential-light commercial" each time the phrase
1242 appears.
- 1243 (17) Chapters 42 and 48, which are repealed, by designating said chapters as reserved.
- 1244 (18) Code Section 43-44-31, relating to text of the Audiology and Speech-Language
1245 Pathology Interstate Compact, in Section 2(1), by replacing "10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and
1246 1211" with "10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211".

1247 (19) Code Section 43-50-44, relating to exemptions from article regarding licensing of
 1248 veterinarians and veterinary technicians, in paragraph (19), by replacing "laws;" with "laws;
 1249 or".

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SECTION 44.

1251 Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, is amended in:

1252 (1) Code Section 44-2-39, relating to adoption of rules and regulations and standardization,
 1253 in paragraph (b)(1), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

1254 (2) Code Section 44-3-106, relating to powers and responsibilities of condominium
 1255 associations and tort actions, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "complied with or" with
 1256 "complied with; or".

1257 (3) Code Section 44-3-230, relating to frequency of meetings and notice regarding property
 1258 owners' associations, in subsection (b), by replacing "may called" with "may be called".

1259 (4) Code Section 44-3-231, relating to powers and duties of property owners' associations
 1260 and legal actions against agent or employee of association, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing
 1261 "compiled with or" with "complied with; or".

1262 (5) Code Section 44-5-60, relating to effect of zoning laws, covenants and scenic easements
 1263 for use of public, renewal of certain covenants, and costs, in subsection (b), by replacing
 1264 "provided, however, that" with "provided, however, that," and in paragraph (d)(6), by
 1265 replacing "15 individuals plots" with "15 individual plots".

1266 (6) Code Section 44-7-55, relating to judgment, writ of possession, landlord's liability for
 1267 wrongful conduct, distribution of funds paid into court, and personal property, by revising
 1268 subsection (e) as follows:

1269 "(e) Nothing in this Code section shall require a sheriff, constable, or marshal to execute
 1270 a writ of possession within 30 days from the issuance of any order granting a writ of
 1271 possession, or the issuance, application, or request for the execution of the writ of
 1272 possession; provided, however, that, in the event the sheriff, ~~sheriff~~ deputy sheriff,

1273 constable, or marshal is unable to execute the writ within 14 days from the landlord's
 1274 application or request for such execution, the landlord shall be entitled to utilize the
 1275 services of an off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, marshal, or other individual
 1276 certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council having authority
 1277 within the jurisdiction wherein the premises lie to execute such writ at the landlord's sole
 1278 cost and expense. The sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain
 1279 a list of authorized off-duty sheriffs, ~~sheriff deputies~~ deputy sheriffs, constables, marshals,
 1280 and other individuals certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training
 1281 Council and make the same available upon request by the landlord. The sheriff, ~~sheriff~~
 1282 deputy sheriff, constable, or marshal shall maintain administrative authority over any
 1283 persons executing writs under this subsection. The landlord shall provide written notice
 1284 to the sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, or marshal of the date and time of the
 1285 execution of the writ by such off-duty sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, marshal,
 1286 or other ~~individuals~~ individual certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and
 1287 Training Council at least five calendar days in advance of such execution in order to permit
 1288 the sheriff, ~~sheriff deputy~~ sheriff, constable, or marshal to note the same within ~~their~~ his or
 1289 her own records."

1290 (7) Code Section 44-11-30, relating to manner of ejecting intruders, affidavit, ejection by
 1291 sheriff and other peace officers, and counteraffidavit, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with
 1292 "deputy sheriff," each time the term appears.

1293 (8) Code Section 43-11-31, relating to sheriff and other peace officers competent to
 1294 administer oath to person in possession, by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff,".

1295 (9) Code Section 44-11-32, relating to procedure on submission of counteraffidavit, trial,
 1296 nonmeritorious submission, and appeal, by deleting the subsection (a) designation and in
 1297 paragraphs (1) and (2), by replacing "sheriff deputy," with "deputy sheriff," each time the
 1298 term appears.

1299 (10) Code Section 44-11-33, relating to issuance of writ of possession, fi. fa. for costs, and
1300 presentation to law enforcement, by replacing "44-11-32, finds" with "44-11-32 finds".

1301 (11) Code Section 44-12-231, relating to enforcement of article regarding disposition of
1302 unclaimed property and properties not paid over on a timely basis, in subsection (b), by
1303 replacing "48-3-1" with "48-3-3".

1304 **SECTION 45.**

1305 Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees,
1306 is amended in:

1307 (1) Code Section 45-9-81, relating to definitions regarding the Georgia State Indemnification
1308 Fund, in paragraph (1), by repealing and reserving said paragraph.

1309 (2) Code Section 45-17-8, relating to powers and duties generally of notaries public, in
1310 subsection (e), by replacing "personal identification card" with "identification card".

1311 (3) Code Section 45-19-44, relating to unlawful practices punishable by civil fine, at the end
1312 of the introductory language of paragraph (a)(5), by replacing the semicolon with a colon.

1313 **SECTION 46.**

1314 Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public
1315 transportation, is amended in:

1316 (1) Code Section 46-2-8, relating to payment of salaries and expenses by commission,
1317 appropriations for salaries and expenses, and designation of Public Service Commission
1318 Fund, by replacing "for Commissioners," with "for the Commissioners,".

1319 (2) Code Section 46-2-23.1, relating to "alternative form of regulation" defined, filing,
1320 notice, approval, and release of interstate pipeline capacity, in subparagraph (i)(1)(C), by
1321 replacing "that if" with "that, if".

1322 (3) Code Section 46-2-26.3, relating to recovery of costs of conversion from oil-burning to

1323 coal-burning generating facility, filing of request, public hearing, determination of rate, and
 1324 adjustments, in subsection (a), by replacing "Public Service Commission" with "commission"
 1325 and by revising subsection (b) as follows:

1326 ~~"(b) As used in this Code section, the term For the purposes of this Code section, the~~
 1327 ~~following words or terms shall have the following meanings:~~

1328 (1) 'Coal' ~~shall mean~~ means coal used as a primary energy source.

1329 ~~(2) 'Commission' shall mean the Georgia Public Service Commission.~~

1330 ~~(3)(2)(A)~~ (2)(A) 'Cost of conversion' ~~shall mean~~ means costs as determined by the
 1331 commission to be reasonable and necessary for the conversion of an oil-burning electric
 1332 generating facility to the burning of coal. Such costs shall include, but not be limited
 1333 to, engineering, administrative, and legal costs; the cost of environmental studies and
 1334 control equipment, coal-handling and storage equipment, including rail facilities,
 1335 equipment and facilities necessary to permit the combustion of coal; the cost of
 1336 retrofitting or refurbishing boilers to permit the combustion of coal; the cost of on-site
 1337 and off-site facilities for handling, storing, and disposing of wastes resulting from the
 1338 combustion of coal; and the cost of all other facilities reasonable and necessary to
 1339 allow the conversion of an oil-burning electric generating facility to burn coal. Such
 1340 costs shall also include the reasonable cost of capital for such conversion and for
 1341 carrying the cost of such conversion until such costs are recovered as provided in this
 1342 Code section. In no case shall ~~cost of conversion~~ such term include any costs incurred
 1343 pursuant to an expansion of an electric generating facility's generating capacity above
 1344 the generating capacity of said facility that existed prior to the conversion from oil to
 1345 coal.

1346 (B) Such term ~~'Cost of conversion'~~ shall not include the amount financed by the
 1347 company through tax-exempt pollution control bonds, if any, of any portion of the
 1348 project certified by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural
 1349 Resources, or other agency vested with similar authority, to be a pollution control

1350 facility and therefore eligible for financing under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue
1351 Code and the regulations thereunder or other similar law or regulation now or hereafter
1352 adopted.

1353 ~~(4)(3)~~ 'Fuel cost savings' ~~shall mean~~ means the amount of fuel savings to be obtained by
1354 operating the facility converted from oil to coal-fired operation during the facility's first
1355 full 12 months of operation using coal as its primary fuel as compared to the operation
1356 of such facility on oil, had it been so operated, during the same 12 month period.

1357 ~~(5)(4)~~ 'Utility' ~~shall mean~~ means any retail supplier of electricity subject to the
1358 rate-making jurisdiction of the commission."

1359 (4) Code Section 46-2-26.5, relating to gas supply plans and adjustment factors, filings and
1360 hearing procedures, and recovery of purchase gas cost, by deleting paragraph (a)(2) and
1361 redesignating paragraphs (a)(3) through (a)(8) as paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(7),
1362 respectively.

1363 (5) Code Section 46-2-28, relating to procedure for issuance of stocks, bonds, notes, or other
1364 debt by companies under commission's jurisdiction and exemptions, in the introductory
1365 language of subsection (g), by deleting "paragraph (10) of".

1366 (6) Code Section 46-3-1, relating to the short title regarding allocation of territorial rights
1367 to electric suppliers, by inserting "and may be cited" following "known".

1368 (7) Code Section 46-3-3, relating to definitions regarding allocation of territorial rights to
1369 electric suppliers, in paragraph (2), by replacing "has the meaning provided by paragraph (3)
1370 of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in".

1371 (8) Code Section 46-3-4, relating to assignment or declaration as unassigned areas-B of
1372 geographic areas outside municipal limits as of March 29, 1973, in paragraph (3), by
1373 replacing "provided that if" with "provided that, if" and by replacing "however, that" with
1374 "however, that,".

- 1375 (9) Code Section 46-3-7, relating to assignment and unassignment of geographic areas
1376 annexed to municipalities after March 29, 1973, in subparagraphs (2)(A) and (2)(D), by
1377 replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".
- 1378 (10) Code Section 46-3-32, relating to definitions regarding high-voltage safety, in
1379 paragraph (3), by replacing "this term" with "such term".
- 1380 (11) Code Section 46-3-33, relating to required conditions for commencing work within ten
1381 feet of high-voltage line, in the introductory language, by deleting "as defined in
1382 paragraph (6) of Code Section 46-3-32".
- 1383 (12) Code Section 46-3-52, relating to jurisdiction of commission over cogeneration facility
1384 the energy from which is used solely by operator, by deleting paragraph (3) and
1385 redesignating paragraphs (4) through (12) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively.
- 1386 (13) Code Section 46-3-62, relating to definitions regarding solar power free-market
1387 financing, in paragraph (5), by replacing "has the same meaning as provided in paragraph (3)
1388 of" with "shall have the same meaning as set forth in" and in paragraph (9), by replacing "has
1389 the same meaning as provided in paragraph (6) of" with "shall have the same meaning as set
1390 forth in".
- 1391 (14) Code Section 46-3-66, relating to construction and applicability, in subsections (d) and
1392 (e), by replacing "the effective date of this part" with "July 1, 2015,".
- 1393 (15) Code Section 46-3-115, relating terms of authority members generally and time of
1394 meeting of election committee prior to annual meeting of authority, by replacing "provided
1395 that" with "provided that,".
- 1396 (16) Code Section 46-3-120, relating to quorum of authority, action by majority vote, and
1397 adjournment of meetings at which less than a majority is present, by replacing "provided
1398 that" with "provided that,".
- 1399 (17) Code Section 46-3-170, relating to short title regarding general provisions relative to
1400 electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, by replacing "article
1401 may" with "article shall be known and may".

1402 (18) Code Section 46-3-263, relating to notice of members' meetings, in subsection (a), by
 1403 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1404 (19) Code Section 46-3-322, relating to filing articles of incorporation, issuance of
 1405 certificate of incorporation, forwarding of copy of certificate to clerk of superior court,
 1406 rejection of articles of incorporation, publication of notice, and commencement of corporate
 1407 existence, in paragraph (e)(1), by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the
 1408 form, and by revising paragraph (c)(4) as follows:

1409 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the
 1410 county where the initial registered office of the electric membership corporation is to be
 1411 located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county
 1412 whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a
 1413 minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published
 1414 four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

1415 ' _____
 1416 _____
 1417 _____
 1418 (name and address of the newspaper designated
 1419 by the incorporator or incorporators or
 1420 ~~his or their~~ representative thereof)

1421 Dear Sirs:

1422 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1423 "_____ (name of electric membership corporation) has been duly
 1424 incorporated on _____ (month, day, and year to be inserted by the
 1425 Secretary of State), by the issuance of a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary
 1426 of State in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title
 1427 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act." The initial registered office

1428 of the electric membership corporation is located at _____
 1429 (address of registered office) and its initial registered agent at such address is
 1430 _____ (name of agent)."

1431 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the
 1432 costs of publishing this notice.

1433 Very truly yours,

1434 _____
 1435 _____
 1436 _____

1437 (Name and address of incorporator or
 1438 incorporators or ~~his or their~~ representative thereof)"

1439 (20) Code Section 46-3-363, relating to obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon
 1440 amendment of name of electric membership corporation, filing articles of amendment,
 1441 issuance of certificate of amendment, forwarding of copy of certificate to superior court,
 1442 rejection of articles of amendment, and publication of notice, by revising paragraph (c)(4)
 1443 as follows:

1444 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the
 1445 county where the registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or
 1446 which is a newspaper of general circulation published within that county whose most
 1447 recently published annual statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of
 1448 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain a notice to be published four times
 1449 in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the following form:

1450 ' _____
 1451 _____
 1452 _____

1453 (Name and address of the newspaper
 1454 designated by the electric
 1455 membership corporation)

1456 Dear Sirs:

1457 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1458 "The Articles of Incorporation of _____ (name of electric
 1459 membership corporation) have been duly amended on _____, ____
 1460 (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State), by the issuance of a
 1461 certificate of amendment by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the applicable
 1462 provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership
 1463 Corporation Act."

1464 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the
 1465 cost of publishing this notice.

1466 Very truly yours,

1467 _____
 1468 _____
 1469 _____

1470 (Name and address of the electric
 1471 membership corporation
 1472 or its representative)"

1473 (21) Code Section 46-3-383, relating to contents of articles of merger or articles of
 1474 consolidation, obtaining of certificate from Secretary of State upon use of new name, and
 1475 procedures involving filing, issuance, rejection, and publication of articles of merger or
 1476 articles of consolidation, by revising paragraph (d)(4) as follows:

1477 "(4) A letter addressed to the publisher of a newspaper which is the official organ of the
 1478 county where the registered office of the surviving or new electric membership
 1479 corporation is to be located or which is a newspaper of general circulation published
 1480 within that county whose most recently published annual statement of ownership and
 1481 circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation. This letter shall contain
 1482 a notice to be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the
 1483 following form:

1484 _____
 1485 _____
 1486 _____
 1487 (name and address of the newspaper designated
 1488 by the merging or consolidating
 1489 electric membership corporations)

1490 Dear Sirs:

1491 You are requested to publish, four times, a notice in the following form:

1492 "A (merger) (consolidation) (has been) (will be) effected by and between
 1493 _____ (name and state of incorporation of each of the
 1494 constituent electric membership corporations) on _____
 1495 (month, day, and year to be inserted by the Secretary of State) by the issuance of a
 1496 certificate of (merger) (consolidation) by the Secretary of State, in accordance with
 1497 the applicable provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric
 1498 Membership Corporation Act." The name of the (surviving electric membership
 1499 corporation in the merger) (new electric membership corporation resulting from the
 1500 consolidation) (is) (will be) _____ (set forth the name and state
 1501 of incorporation of the surviving electric membership corporation or new electric

1502 membership corporation, as the case may be), the registered office of which (is) (will
1503 be) located at _____ (address of registered office)."

1504 Enclosed is a (check, draft, or money order) in the amount of \$60.00 in payment of the
1505 cost of publishing this notice.

1506 Very truly yours,

1507 _____
1508 _____
1509 _____

1510 (Name and address of merging
1511 or consolidating electric
1512 membership corporations
1513 or their representative)'"

1514 (22) Code Section 46-3-423, relating to procedure after filing statement of intent to dissolve,
1515 by revising subsection (a) as follows:

1516 "(a) The electric membership corporation shall immediately cause notice of its intent to
1517 dissolve to be published in a newspaper which is the official organ of the county where the
1518 registered office of the electric membership corporation is located or which is a newspaper
1519 of general circulation published within that county whose most recently published annual
1520 statement of ownership and circulation reflects a minimum of 60 percent paid circulation.

1521 This notice shall be published four times in the newspaper and shall be in substantially the
1522 following form:

1523 'A Statement of Intent to Dissolve _____ (name of electric
1524 membership corporation), a Georgia electric membership corporation with registered
1525 office at _____ (address of registered office), has been delivered to
1526 the Secretary of State by said electric membership corporation and filed by him on
1527 _____, ____ (month, day, and year), in accordance with the applicable

1528 provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric Membership
1529 Corporation Act."

1530 (23) Code Section 46-3-468, relating to application for reinstatement of certificate of
1531 authority, by revising subsection (c) as follows:

1532 "(c) The application for reinstatement shall be in substantially the following form:

1533 'Application for Reinstatement of
1534 Certificate of Authority

1535 To: The Secretary of State
1536 Atlanta, Georgia

1537 Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 46-3-468, the undersigned foreign electric
1538 cooperative hereby applies for a certificate of reinstatement of a foreign electric
1539 cooperative and, for that purpose, submits the following:

1540 First: The name of the foreign electric cooperative at the date of the certificate of
1541 revocation was _____.

1542 Second: The new name by which the foreign electric cooperative will hereafter be
1543 known is _____.

1544 Third: The certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Georgia was
1545 revoked on _____ for failure to follow the requirements stated in Code
1546 Section 46-3-466.

1547 Fourth: The address, including street and number, of its registered office in Georgia is
1548 _____; and the name of its registered agent in Georgia at that
1549 address is _____.

1550 Fifth: The application is accompanied by all delinquent reports together with the filing
1551 fees and penalties required by Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46, the "Georgia Electric
1552 Membership Corporation Act."

1553 Date _____, ____.

1554

1555

(President or vice-president)

1556

1557

(Secretary or assistant secretary)."

1558 (24) Code Section 46-3-480, relating to requirement of annual reports by electric
1559 membership corporation and foreign electric cooperative, in subsection (b), by replacing
1560 "however," with "provided, however, that".

1561 (25) Code Section 46-3A-1, relating to definitions regarding integrated resource planning,
1562 in the introductory language, by replacing "chapter:" with "chapter, the term:" and by
1563 deleting paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (9) as paragraphs (2)
1564 through (8), respectively.

1565 (26) Code Section 46-3A-3, relating to actions prohibited without a certificate of public
1566 convenience and necessity, in the undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), by replacing
1567 "however," with "however, that".

1568 (27) Code Section 46-3A-10, relating to effect on rates of changed revenues and risks and
1569 basis and effect of commission decision, by replacing "however," with "however, that".

1570 (28) Code Section 46-4-85, relating to authority members and terms of office, by replacing
1571 "provided that" with "provided that,".

1572 (29) Code Section 46-4-90, relating to quorum and majority vote, by replacing "provided
1573 that" with "provided that,".

1574 (30) Code Section 46-4-152, relating to definitions regarding natural gas competition and
1575 deregulation, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term control" with "Such term" and in
1576 paragraph (10.1), by replacing "defined" with "described".

1577 (31) Code Section 46-4-154, relating to notice of election, unbundling, rates, application
1578 requirements, and surcharge on interruptibles, in subsection (e), by replacing "medicare" with
1579 "Medicare" and by replacing "writeoffs" with "write-offs".

- 1580 (32) Code Section 46-4-158.2, relating to rules governing marketer's terms of service, in
1581 paragraph (8), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1582 (33) Code Section 46-4-159, relating to standards of conduct for electing distribution
1583 companies and response to complaints, in paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "The term control"
1584 with "Such term", in subparagraph (a)(3)(B), by replacing "the term marketer" with "such
1585 term", and in paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "however," with "provided, however, that".
- 1586 (34) Code Section 46-4-160, relating to commission's authority over certificated marketers,
1587 access to records, investigations and hearings, price summary, billing, violations, and
1588 slamming, in subsection (j), by replacing "phrase" with "term".
- 1589 (35) Code Section 46-5-1, relating to exercise of power of eminent domain by telephone
1590 companies, placement of posts and other fixtures, regulation of construction of fixtures,
1591 posts, and wires near railroad tracks, liability of telephone companies for damages, required
1592 information, and due compensation, in subparagraph (b)(1)(B) and paragraph (b)(7), by
1593 replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with "commission", in the introductory
1594 language of paragraph (b)(9), by replacing "Code section," with "Code section, the term", in
1595 paragraph (b)(12), by replacing "As used in this Code section," with "As used in this Code
1596 section, the term" and by replacing "however, that if" with "however, that, if", in
1597 paragraph (b)(13), by replacing "ten percent" with "10 percent", and in
1598 subparagraph (b)(19)(A), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1599 (36) Code Section 46-5-2, relating to avoiding or attempting to avoid charges for use of
1600 telecommunication service, penalties, and computation of damages, in paragraph (b)(1), by
1601 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1602 (37) Code Section 46-5-3, relating to making, possessing, selling, allowing use of, or
1603 publishing assembly plans for devices, equipment, or apparatus for committing theft of
1604 telecommunications service, or for concealing origin or destination of any
1605 telecommunication and compensatory damages, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing "The term"
1606 with "Such term" and in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

- 1607 (38) Code Section 46-5-5, relating to inclusion of local exchanges 495 and 567 in area
1608 code 404, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1609 (39) Code Section 46-5-26, relating to access to live telephone operator, in subsection (a),
1610 by replacing "For the purpose of this Code section," with "As used in this Code section, the
1611 term" and by replacing "dials '0'." with "dials '0.'"
- 1612 (40) Code Section 46-5-27, relating to telephone solicitation calls and do not call database,
1613 in subparagraph (b)(3)(B), by deleting "or" at the end and in subsection (n), by replacing
1614 "voice over internet protocol" with "Voice over Internet Protocol".
- 1615 (41) Code Section 46-5-28, relating to consent required for inclusion of subscribers' names
1616 or dialing numbers in a wireless telephone data base or a traditional telephone directory,
1617 exceptions, disclosure of wireless numbers to telemarketers prohibited, violations, and
1618 immunity of service suppliers for authorized disclosures, in paragraph (a)(3), by replacing
1619 "The term" with "Such term".
- 1620 (42) Code Section 46-5-30, relating to establishment, administration, and operation of
1621 state-wide dual party relay service and audible universal information access service, in
1622 subsection (c), by replacing "basis; however," with "basis; provided, however, that".
- 1623 (43) Code Section 46-5-60, relating to short title regarding rural telephone cooperatives, by
1624 replacing "part may" with "part shall be known and may".
- 1625 (44) Code Section 46-5-62, relating to definitions regarding rural telephone cooperatives,
1626 in paragraph (5), by replacing "This term" with "Such term".
- 1627 (45) Code Section 46-5-63, relating to powers of cooperatives generally, in paragraph (4.1),
1628 by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".
- 1629 (46) Code Section 46-5-75, relating to certificate of Secretary of State, by inserting quotation
1630 marks at the beginning and end of the form.
- 1631 (47) Code Section 46-5-93, relating to pledging or encumbering of property, assets, rights,
1632 and privileges of cooperative by board of directors to secure indebtedness to federal
1633 government, tax exemption for mortgages and deeds of trust, and sale, pledge, or

1634 encumbrance of property, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that" with "provided
1635 that,".

1636 (48) Code Section 46-5-122, relating to definitions regarding emergency telephone number
1637 9-1-1 system, in paragraph (5), by replacing "The term 'emergency 9-1-1 system'" with "Such
1638 term", in paragraph (7), by replacing "Georgia Public Service Commission" with
1639 "commission" and by replacing "The term 'exchange access facility'" with "Such term", in
1640 the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (12.1), by replacing "Internet" with "internet",
1641 in paragraph (17.1), by replacing "over the Internet" with "over the internet" and by replacing
1642 "Internet protocol" with "Internet Protocol", and in paragraph (19), by replacing "The term"
1643 with "Such term" each time the phrase appears.

1644 (49) Code Section 46-5-134.2, relating to prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge, definitions,
1645 imposition of fee by localities, collection and remission of charges, and distribution of funds,
1646 in paragraph (g)(3), by replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in".

1647 (50) Code Section 46-5-162, relating to definitions regarding telecommunications and
1648 competition development, in the introductory language of paragraph (10), by replacing "For
1649 purposes of this article, there" with "There" and in paragraph (18), by replacing "For
1650 purposes of illustration, the term 'telecommunications services'" with "Such term".

1651 (51) Code Section 46-5-163, relating to certificates of authority, in subsection (f), by
1652 replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1653 (52) Code Section 46-5-165, relating to alternative regulation of rates, terms, and conditions,
1654 in subsection (a), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1655 (53) Code Section 46-5-167, relating to Universal Access Fund, in paragraph (d)(1), by
1656 replacing "For purposes of" with "As used in" and in subsection (g), by replacing "Public
1657 Service Commission" with "commission".

1658 (54) Code Section 46-5-181, relating to definitions regarding the "Telecommunications
1659 Marketing Act of 1998," by revising said Code section as follows:

1660 "46-5-181.

1661 As used in this article, the terms ~~'local exchange company,' 'telecommunications company,'~~
1662 ~~and 'telecommunications services'~~ shall have the same meaning as provided in Code
1663 Section 46-5-162, the term ~~'local exchange carrier'~~ shall have the same meaning as ~~'local~~
1664 ~~exchange company'~~; and the term ~~'long distance service'~~ shall include ~~interexchange~~
1665 ~~inter-LATA telecommunications service and interexchange intra-LATA~~
1666 ~~telecommunications service~~ term:

1667 (1) 'Local exchange carrier' shall have the same meaning as the term 'local exchange
1668 company.'

1669 (2) 'Local exchange company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code
1670 Section 46-5-162.

1671 (3) 'Long distance service' includes interexchange inter-LATA telecommunications
1672 service and interexchange intra-LATA telecommunications service.

1673 (4) 'Telecommunications company' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code
1674 Section 46-5-162.

1675 (5) 'Telecommunications services' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code
1676 Section 46-5-162."

1677 (55) Code Section 46-5-221, relating to definitions regarding competitive emerging
1678 communications technologies, in subparagraph (1)(A), by replacing "Internet;" with
1679 "internet;", in the undesignated text at the end of paragraph (1), by replacing "For the
1680 purposes of this article, broadband service" with "Such term", and in paragraph (2), by
1681 replacing "Internet protocol" with "internet protocol".

1682 (56) Code Section 46-8-20, relating to exclusive power of commission to determine just and
1683 reasonable rates and charges, establishing rates and tariffs generally, and locating of depots
1684 and construction of freight and passenger buildings, in paragraph (b)(4), by replacing
1685 "provided that" with "provided that,".

1686 (57) Code Section 46-8-42, relating to certificate of incorporation, duration of corporate
1687 existence, and fee for issuance of certificate, in subsection (a), by inserting quotation marks
1688 at the beginning and end of the form.

1689 (58) Code Section 46-8-100, relating to general powers regarding powers of railroad
1690 companies generally, in paragraph (3), by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1691 (59) Code Section 46-8-291, relating to consent and contributory negligence as defenses and
1692 comparative negligence as affecting amount of recovery, by replacing "provided that" with
1693 "provided that,".

1694 (60) Code Section 46-8-312, relating to service of process on lessor railroad company,
1695 generally, by replacing "however, that" with "however, that,".

1696 (61) Code Section 46-8-339, relating to authority of street, suburban, and interurban railroad
1697 companies to furnish steam for heating and power purposes and to lay and maintain
1698 steampipes, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1699 (62) Code Section 46-9-42, relating to effect of strike by carrier's employees on carrier's
1700 duty to transport goods, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1701 (63) Code Section 46-9-48, relating to adjustment and payment by common carriers of
1702 claims for loss of property or overcharge for freight and effect of failure by common carrier
1703 to adjust and pay claim, by replacing "provided that" with "provided that,".

1704 (64) Code Section 46-9-50, relating to weighing of railroad cars by certified public weighers
1705 and manner of weighing cars, in subsection (b), by replacing "provided that when" with
1706 "provided that, when".

1707 (65) Code Section 46-9-138, relating to granting of annual passes by common carriers to
1708 sheriffs and their deputies, by replacing "provided that the term 'sheriffs and their lawful
1709 deputies,' as used in this Code section, means" with "provided that, as used in this Code
1710 section, the term 'sheriffs and their lawful deputies' means".

- 1711 (66) Code Section 46-9-212, relating to switching off and delivering to connecting roads all
1712 cars consigned to points over or beyond the connecting roads, in subsection (b), by replacing
1713 "provided that" with "provided that,".
- 1714 (67) Code Section 46-9-230, relating to manner of incorporation of express companies, by
1715 inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of the certificate form.
- 1716 (68) Code Section 46-9-290, relating to Designated Georgia Rail Passenger Corridors, in
1717 paragraph (b)(2), by replacing "For the purposes of this subsection, 'high speed rail' is
1718 defined as involving" with "As used in this subsection, the term 'high speed rail' means".
- 1719 (69) Chapters 10 and 11, which are reserved, by designating said chapters as repealed.
- 1720 (70) The following Code sections, by replacing "Public Service Commission" and "Georgia
1721 Public Service Commission" with "commission" each time the term appears:
- 1722 (A) Code Section 46-1-2, relating to measure of damages for wrongs and injuries by
1723 railroad companies generally and venue for actions against railroad companies and electric
1724 companies generally;
- 1725 (B) Code Section 46-2-10, relating to payment of special fee by corporations and utilities
1726 subject to jurisdiction of commission, notice of amount due, and procedure on default;
- 1727 (C) Code Section 46-2-25.2, relating to sixteen-mile toll-free telephone calling,
1728 modification of rate schedules, recovery of expenses or lost revenues by telephone
1729 companies, and rate-making power of Public Service Commission not affected;
- 1730 (D) Code Section 46-2-25.3, relating to toll-free calls within 22 miles of exchange,
1731 hearings, and "net gain" defined;
- 1732 (E) Code Section 46-3-152, relating to jurisdiction of commission over rates, services, and
1733 practices of authority;
- 1734 (F) Code Section 46-4-53, relating to application to commission by gas utility for order
1735 approving utilization or operation of underground reservoir, hearing on application
1736 generally, and giving notice of hearing;

- 1737 (G) Code Section 46-4-54, relating to investigation by state geologist of site of proposed
1738 storage project, procedures involving state geologist, investigation of proposed storage
1739 project by director of Environmental Protection Division, procedures involving director,
1740 and investigation of proposed storage project by commission;
- 1741 (H) Code Section 46-4-60, relating to adoption by Board of Natural Resources of rules and
1742 regulations governing construction, installation, utilization, and operation of underground
1743 reservoirs and stations, wells, fixtures, and other facilities, enforcement of rules and
1744 regulations, and inspection and examination;
- 1745 (I) Code Section 46-4-122, relating to exemption from regulation by Public Service
1746 Commission;
- 1747 (J) Code Section 46-4A-12, relating to construction of chapter regarding provision of
1748 energy conservation assistance to residential customers by electric and gas utilities;
- 1749 (K) Code Section 46-5-6, relating to exclusive power and authority of the Public Service
1750 Commission to prescribe rules and regulations regarding public pay telephones;
- 1751 (L) Code Section 46-5-41, relating to obtaining of certificate of public convenience and
1752 necessity for construction, operation, acquisition, or extension of telephone lines, plants,
1753 or systems;
- 1754 (M) Code Section 46-5-124, relating to guidelines for implementing a state-wide
1755 emergency 9-1-1 system and training and equipment standards;
- 1756 (N) Code Section 46-5-126, relating to cooperation by commission and telephone industry;
- 1757 (O) Code Section 46-5-137, relating to powers of Public Service Commission not affected;
- 1758 (P) Code Section 46-5-182, relating to certification of telecommunications companies
1759 which bill for or solicit intrastate telecommunications services;
- 1760 (Q) Code Section 46-5-211, relating to consent of end user required for release of
1761 telephone records and law enforcement exception;
- 1762 (R) Code Section 46-5-213, relating to circumstances to which this article not applicable
1763 regarding disclosure of certain customer information;

- 1764 (S) Code Section 46-5-222, relating to commission has no authority over setting of rates
1765 or terms and conditions for the offering of broadband service, voice over Internet protocol,
1766 or wireless service and limitations;
- 1767 (T) Code Section 46-8-73, relating to contents of petition for dissolution, certification
1768 resolution recommending dissolution, attachment of resolution to petition, verification of
1769 petition, and fee for filing petition;
- 1770 (U) Code Section 46-8-75, relating to transfer of copy of petition from Secretary of State
1771 to commission;
- 1772 (V) Code Section 46-8-78, relating to order of Secretary of State accepting surrender of
1773 charter and franchises and dissolving corporation and recording of petition, certificate of
1774 approval, certificate of publication, and order by Secretary of State;
- 1775 (W) Code Section 46-8-196, relating to use of standard signs for highway crossings and
1776 for advertising or other purposes, mutilation, destruction, and defacement of standard signs,
1777 and removal of unauthorized signs by county authorities; and
- 1778 (X) Code Section 46-8A-2, relating to line or system permit required regarding rapid rail
1779 passenger service.

1780 **SECTION 47.**

1781 Reserved.

1782 **SECTION 48.**

- 1783 Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is
1784 amended in:
- 1785 (1) Code Section 48-5-7.6, relating to preferential assessment for brownfield property, in
1786 division (h)(1)(B)(iii), by redesignating the second subdivision (II) as subdivision (III).

1787 (2) Code Section 48-5-28, relating to priority of taxes over other claims and superiority of
1788 security deed, in subsection (a), by replacing "Code Section 53-7-91," with "Code
1789 Section 53-7-40,".

1790 (3) Code Section 48-5-164, relating to duties of successor tax collector or tax commissioner
1791 as to performing uncompleted duties of outgoing collector or commissioner, distribution of
1792 commissions, and liability, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

1793 "(b)~~(1)~~ Each tax collector or tax commissioner to whom a list is furnished as provided in
1794 subsection (a) of this Code section shall pay to the outgoing tax collector or tax
1795 commissioner, as the taxes are collected, one-half of the commissions and retain for his or
1796 her services one-half, the commissions to be calculated as if the amounts had been
1797 collected by the outgoing tax collector or tax commissioner.

1798 ~~(2) Reserved."~~

1799 (4) Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, at the end of
1800 subparagraph (a)(3)(A), by replacing the period with a semicolon, in paragraph (a)(3), by
1801 deleting the subparagraph (A) designation and by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
1802 paragraph (a)(3.1), and in division (a)(5)(D)(i), by deleting "or" at the end.

1803 (5) Code Section 48-7-29.20, relating to tax credits for contributions to rural hospital
1804 organizations, in subparagraph (e)(2)(E), by replacing "section including" with "section,
1805 including" and in subparagraph (e)(4)(B), by replacing "their approval" with "such approval".

1806 (6) Code Section 48-7-40.22, relating to tax credits for business enterprises that purchase or
1807 lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees, in the table in subsection (b),
1808 under Tier 2, Credit amount per vehicle, by replacing "2000.00" with "2,000.00".

1809 (7) Code Section 48-7-40.26, relating to tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital
1810 production, in the undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (c)(2)(B), by replacing
1811 "paragraph" with "subparagraph".

1812 (8) Code Section 48-7-40.30, relating to tax credits for certain qualified investments for
1813 limited period of time, in paragraph (f)(5), by replacing "transferrable" with "transferable".

1814 (9) Code Section 48-8-2, relating to definitions regarding state sales and use tax, in the
1815 introductory language of paragraph (39), by replacing "voice over internet protocol" with
1816 "Voice over Internet Protocol".

1817 (10) Code Section 48-8-15, relating to ratification of Executive Order on temporary and
1818 partial exemption for liquid propane gas commodity sold and delivered for residential
1819 heating, in subsection (e), by replacing "Chapter 10" with "Chapter 1".

1820 (11) Code Section 48-13-133, relating to promulgation of rules and regulations regarding
1821 taxation of consumer fireworks, by replacing "this Code section" with "this article".

1822 **SECTION 49.**

1823 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
1824 in:

1825 (1) Code Section 49-3-6, relating to functions of county department of family and children
1826 services, in paragraph (a)(4), by replacing "Council of Accountability Courts" with "Council
1827 of Accountability Court Judges" and in subsection (b), by replacing "Board of Human
1828 Services," with "board,".

1829 (2) Code Section 49-4-159.2, relating to remote maternal health clinical services, reporting,
1830 and termination, in subparagraph (a)(1)(A), by replacing "transmitting" with "transmit" and
1831 in subsection (c), by replacing "repealed" with "repealed and reserved".

1832 (3) Code Section 49-5-8, relating to powers and duties of the Department of Human
1833 Services, in subparagraph (a)(11)(A), by replacing "with, a photograph of himself or herself,
1834 provided however, that if" with "with a photograph of himself or herself; provided, however,
1835 that, if" and in subparagraph (a)(11)(B), by replacing "a personal identification card" with
1836 "an identification card" each time the phrase appears.

1837 **SECTION 50.**

1838 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
1839 in:

1840 (1) Article 2 of Chapter 8, relating to regional commissions, by deleting the Part 1
1841 designation.

1842 (2) Code Section 50-18-160, relating to individuals or nonprofit organizations, in
1843 paragraph (a)(1), by replacing "Code, has" with "Code or has" and in paragraph (b)(2), by
1844 replacing "in possession" with "in the possession".

1845 (3) Code Section 50-36-4, relating to submission of annual immigration compliance report,
1846 creation of reporting system, contents of reports, and annual review, in paragraph (d)(7), by
1847 replacing "42-4-11.4, 42-4-11.5," with "42-1-11.4, 42-1-11.5,".

1848 **SECTION 51.**

1849 Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, is amended in:

1850 (1) Code Section 51-1-22.1, relating to liability of an operator of a vessel under certain
1851 conditions, in paragraph (c)(1), by replacing "\$1,000,000.00" with "\$1 million".

1852 **SECTION 52.**

1853 Reserved.

1854 **SECTION 53.**

1855 Reserved.

1856 **SECTION 54.**

1857 (a) In accordance with subsection (c) of Code Section 28-9-5, the following portions
1858 included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published under authority of the state by
1859 LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised volumes thereof, are hereby

1860 reenacted, and such reenactment shall have the effect of adopting and giving force and effect
1861 of law to the following portions as contained in such supplements and volumes:

1862 (1) Statutory text; and

1863 (2) Arrangement and numbering system, including, but not limited to, title, chapter, article,
1864 part, subpart, Code section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, division, and subdivision
1865 numbers and designations.

1866 (b) The following portions included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published
1867 under authority of the state by LEXIS Publishing, including all 2024 supplements and revised
1868 volumes thereof, are specifically not enacted or reenacted, have no binding authority, bear
1869 no weight or effect, and shall not be construed to have the imprimatur of the General
1870 Assembly or the State of Georgia:

1871 (1) Case annotations;

1872 (2) Research references, including, but not limited to:

1873 (A) Law reviews;

1874 (B) Collateral references to secondary sources;

1875 (C) Opinions of the Georgia Attorney General;

1876 (D) Advisory opinions of the State Bar; and

1877 (E) Cross-references;

1878 (3) Captions;

1879 (4) Catchlines;

1880 (5) Headings;

1881 (6) Title and chapter analyses;

1882 (7) History lines;

1883 (8) Repeal lines;

1884 (9) Editorial notes;

1885 (10) Amendment notes;

1886 (11) Code Commission notes;

- 1887 (12) Effective date notes;
- 1888 (13) Tables;
- 1889 (14) User's Guide;
- 1890 (15) General Index;
- 1891 (16) Volume indices;
- 1892 (17) Indices related to local and special laws;
- 1893 (18) Conversion tables;
- 1894 (19) The United States Constitution;
- 1895 (20) The Georgia Constitution;
- 1896 (21) Rules and regulations of state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or other
- 1897 entities;
- 1898 (22) Material in brackets or parentheses and editorial, delayed effective date, effect of
- 1899 amendment, or other similar notes within the text of a Code section which have been added
- 1900 by the publisher in order to explain or to prevent a misapprehension concerning the
- 1901 contents of the Code section; and
- 1902 (23) Any other matter published in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which is not
- 1903 included in subsection (a) of this section.
- 1904 (c) The reenactment of the portions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by
- 1905 subsection (a) of this section shall not affect, supersede, or repeal any Act of the General
- 1906 Assembly, or portion thereof, which is not contained in the Official Code of Georgia
- 1907 Annotated and which was not repealed by Code Section 1-1-10, specifically including those
- 1908 Acts which have not yet been included in the text of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated
- 1909 because of effective dates which extend beyond the effective date of the Code or the
- 1910 publication date of the Code or its supplements. This subsection shall not apply to any Act
- 1911 or portion thereof which was superseded due to conflict as provided by subsection (b) of
- 1912 Code Section 28-9-5.

1913 (d) The provisions contained in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and in the other Acts
1914 enacted at the 2024 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia shall supersede the
1915 provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ratified and reenacted by subsection (a)
1916 of this section.

1917 (e) In the event of a conflict between a provision in Sections 1 through 53 of this Act and
1918 a provision of another Act enacted at the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly, the
1919 provision of such other Act shall control over the conflicting provision in Sections 1
1920 through 53 of this Act to the extent of such conflict.

1921 **SECTION 55.**

1922 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.