

House Bill 1268

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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5 or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law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 Reserved.

14 **SECTION 3.**

15 Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is
16 amended in:

17 (1) Code Section 3-3-10, relating to delivery of malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits
18 for personal use, marketing, receiving, and processing orders, regulation, and penalty, by
19 substituting "subparagraph (b)(5)(D)" for "subparagraph (b)(4)(D)" in subsection (e).

20 **SECTION 4.**

21 Reserved.

22 **SECTION 5.**

23 Title 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appeal and error, is amended
24 in:

25 (1) Code Section 5-6-41, relating to reporting, preparation, and disposition of transcript,
26 corrections, preparation from recollections, filing of disallowed papers, filing of stipulations,
27 and expense, by substituting "this Code section," for "Code Section 5-6-41," in subsections
28 (a), (b), and (c).

29 **SECTION 6.**

30 Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to aviation, is amended in:

31 (1) Code Section 6-1-1, relating to powers and duties of Department of Transportation and
32 aviation and aviation facilities generally, by inserting "and" following "state;" in
33 paragraph (b)(3).

34 **SECTION 7.**

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

37 (1) Code Section 7-1-702, relating to requirements and procedure for licensure, by
38 substituting "Multistate" for "Multistage" in paragraph (e)(2).

39 (2) Code Section 7-1-1000, relating to definitions regarding licensing of mortgage lenders
40 and mortgage brokers, by inserting a comma following "managed" in paragraph (5.1).

41 (3) Code Section 7-1-1003, relating to applications for licenses and notices of intent to
42 administratively withdraw application, by substituting "Multistate" for "Multistage" in
43 paragraph (d)(2).

44 (4) Code Section 7-3-3, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of installment
45 loans, by deleting the comma following "credit" in paragraph (3.1).

46 (5) Code Section 7-10-7, relating to application of the Georgia Courts Access and Consumer
47 Protection Act, by inserting a comma following "judgment" in paragraph (3).

48 **SECTION 8.**

49 Reserved.

50 **SECTION 9.**

51 Reserved.

52 **SECTION 10.**

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

55 (1) Code Section 10-1-411, relating to prohibited activities by multilevel distribution
56 company or participant in marketing program and disclosure statement, by inserting a comma
57 following "company)" in subparagraph (b)(8)(A).

58 (2) Code Section 10-4-213, relating to enforcement of lien without judicial intervention and
59 execution of rental agreement, by deleting the comma following "Owner shall publish an

60 advertisement of the public sale to the highest bidder" in the fourteenth segment of the rental
61 agreement in subsection (a).

62 **SECTION 11.**

63 Reserved.

64 **SECTION 12.**

65 Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural
66 resources, is amended in:

67 (1) Chapter 3, relating to parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, by redesignating
68 Article 13 as Article 11.

69 (2) Code Section 12-5-105, relating to regulated reasonable use of ground water for farm
70 use, permits to withdraw, obtain, or utilize, metering, and related procedures, by substituting
71 "section," for "Section," in paragraph (b.1)(9).

72 (3) Code Section 12-8-22, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of solid waste
73 management, by substituting "paragraphs (2) and (3)" for "paragraphs (3) and (4)" in
74 paragraph (13).

75 (4) Code Section 12-8-27.1, relating to Solid Waste Trust Fund, by substituting "Fund." for
76 "fund." in paragraph (e)(1).

77 **SECTION 13.**

78 Reserved.

79 **SECTION 14.**

80 Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships,
81 and associations, is amended in:

82 (1) Code Section 14-3-810, relating to removal of director of corporation by court, by
83 deleting the quotation marks at the beginning and end of "director's conflicting interest
84 transaction" in paragraph (a)(1).

85 **SECTION 15.**

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

87 (1) Code Section 15-18-33, relating to peace officers on Giglio lists, notice, placement and
88 removal, and civil liability, by substituting a semicolon for the colon at the end of
89 paragraph (b)(1).

90 **SECTION 16.**

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

93 (1) Code Section 16-6-13, relating to penalties for violating Code Sections 16-6-9 through
94 16-6-12, by substituting "A" for "Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Code
95 section, a" in the introductory language of subsection (a).

96 (2) Code Section 16-7-28, which is redesignated, by designating said Code section as
97 reserved.

98 (3) Code Section 16-12-191, relating to possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of low
99 THC oil and penalties, by substituting "subparagraphs (A) and (B)" for "subparagraphs (A),
100 (B), and (C)" in paragraph (b)(2).

101 **SECTION 17.**

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

104 (1) Code Section 17-6-73, relating to address of principal and surety on bond or
105 recognizance, by redesignating subsections (a) through (d) as paragraphs (1) through (4),
106 respectively.

107 **SECTION 18.**

108 Reserved.

109 **SECTION 19.**

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

112 (1) Code Section 19-6-15, relating to child support guidelines for determining amount of
113 award, continuation of duty of support, and duration of support, by inserting a closing
114 quotation mark following "Parenting time adjustment" in paragraph (a)(17).

115 **SECTION 20.**

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

117 (1) Code Section 20-1-12, relating to approved leaves of absence for teachers and employees
118 serving as organ donors, by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3), by redesignating
119 paragraph (3) as paragraph (4), and by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (2).

120 (2) Code Section 20-1-24, relating to disciplinary action for student of nonpublic educational
121 institution, by deleting the comma following "student incentive grants" in subsection (a).

122 (3) Code Section 20-1-44, relating to duties and authority regarding the Georgia Council on
123 Literacy, by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end of "Georgia Early Literacy
124 and Dyslexia Act" in paragraph (a)(1).

125 (4) Code Section 20-1A-2, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of early care
126 and learning, by substituting "such term" for "this term" in paragraph (3).

- 127 (5) Code Section 20-1A-10, relating to regulation of early care and education programs, by
128 inserting "and" following "standards," in paragraph (k)(1).
- 129 (6) Code Section 20-1A-13, relating to emergency placement of monitors, emergency
130 closure upon minor's death, and requirements and procedures, by substituting "email," for
131 "e-mail," in subsection (f).
- 132 (7) Code Section 20-1A-30, relating to definitions regarding background checks, by
133 substituting "databases" for "data bases" each time the phrase appears and by substituting
134 "database" for "data base" in paragraph (1).
- 135 (8) Code Section 20-2-14, relating to acceptance of donations, grants, and federal aid for
136 vocational or other educational purposes, matching funds, and authorization to make
137 transfers, by substituting "Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph I(c)" for "Paragraph I(c),
138 Section II, Article VIII" in subsection (b).
- 139 (9) Code Section 20-2-14.1, relating to Georgia Foundation for Public Education,
140 authorization to accept transfers of certain property held in trust by State Board of Education,
141 authorization for nonprofit corporation, authorization to receive donations from taxpayers,
142 requirements, and annual report, by substituting "Department of Education" for "department"
143 each time the term appears in paragraph (a)(5) and subsection (b) and by substituting
144 "Department of Education," for "department," in subsection (b).
- 145 (10) Code Section 20-2-103, relating to oath of local school superintendent, by inserting
146 quotation marks at the beginning and end of the oath.
- 147 (11) Code Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed courses regarding competencies and core
148 curriculum, by substituting "online" for "on-line" in paragraph (a)(2).
- 149 (12) Code Section 20-2-142.1, relating to coursework in the founding philosophy and
150 principles of the United States of America, by substituting "documents, including the" for
151 "documents including" in subparagraph (c)(2)(N).
- 152 (13) Code Section 20-2-145.1, relating to career education, by substituting "High-Demand"
153 for "High-demand".

154 (14) Code Section 20-2-146, relating to Scholastic Assessment Test preparatory course and
155 acceptance as elective credit, by substituting "board of education." for "board." in
156 subsection (a).

157 (15) Code Section 20-2-149.2, relating to Accelerated Career Diploma Program, by revising
158 division (b)(1)(A)(iv) and subparagraph (b)(2)(A) as follows:

159 "(iv) Any two state funded core social studies courses; provided, however, that, in
160 lieu of taking a second state funded core social studies course, a student shall be
161 permitted to take a third state funded math course in addition to the courses required
162 in division (ii) of this subparagraph, provided that such math course is aligned with
163 competencies required by such student's technical college program of study; and"

164 "(2)(A) Completes:

165 (i) ~~An~~ an associate's degree program in applied science at a unit of the Technical
166 College System of Georgia;

167 (ii) ~~A~~ a technical college diploma program or program leading to licensure at a unit
168 of the Technical College System of Georgia; or

169 (iii) ~~At~~ at least two technical college certificate of credit programs included in the
170 ~~High-demand~~ High-Demand Career List published by the State Workforce
171 Development Board as provided in Code ~~section~~ Section 34-14-3."

172 (16) Code Section 20-2-150, relating to eligibility for enrollment regarding educational
173 programs, by inserting "that" following "however," and by substituting "provided that they"
174 for "provided they" in subsection (a).

175 (17) Code Section 20-2-151, relating to general and career education programs, purpose, and
176 authorized programs, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in
177 subparagraph (b)(1)(A).

178 (18) Code Section 20-2-152.2, relating to protocols for assessment of trauma in students in
179 foster care and guidance regarding trauma and its impact on students, by substituting "The"
180 for "Further, the" in subsection (c).

181 (19) Code Section 20-2-154, relating to remedial education program, by substituting "Title I
182 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;" for "Title 1 of the
183 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Improving America's
184 Schools Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-382);".

185 (20) Code Section 20-2-159.1, relating to focused programs of study, by substituting
186 "High-Demand" for "High-demand" in subsection (b).

187 (21) Code Section 20-2-160, relating to determination of enrollment by institutional program
188 and determination of funds to be appropriated, by substituting "worksite" for "work site" in
189 subsection (a).

190 (22) Code Section 20-2-161.4, relating to accessing HOPE scholarship funds for dual
191 enrolled students and reports, by substituting "High-Demand Apprenticeship Program" for
192 "High Demand Apprenticeship Program" in subparagraph (a)(2)(E).

193 (23) Code Section 20-2-164, relating to local five mill share funds, by inserting a comma
194 following "however, that" in paragraph (d)(4) and by inserting "that" following "however,"
195 in paragraph (e)(1).

196 (24) Code Section 20-2-165, relating to equalization grants, annual calculation, and
197 allocation, by substituting "means" for "is defined as" each time the phrase appears in
198 subsection (a), by inserting a comma following "however, that" in paragraph (a)(3), in the
199 undesignated text at the end of subsection (b), and in subparagraph (d)(2)(A), and by
200 substituting "subparagraph (d)(2)(A)" for "subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of
201 subsection (d)" each time the phrase appears in subsection (e).

202 (25) Code Section 20-2-167, relating to funding for direct instructional, media center, and
203 staff development costs, computerized uniform budget and accounting system, submission
204 of local budget to state board, and provision of certain information by local boards, by
205 substituting "The term 'direct instructional costs' means" for "'Direct instructional costs' is
206 defined as" in paragraph (a)(1) and by deleting "known as" following "Title 45," and by
207 substituting "Title 45, the 'Budget Act,' and" for "Title 45 and" in subsection (d).

208 (26) Code Section 20-2-168, relating to distribution of federal funds, combined purchase of
209 supplies and equipment, minimum school year, summer school programs, and year-round
210 operation, by inserting a comma following "however, that" in paragraph (b)(3).

211 (27) Code Section 20-2-169, relating to receipt of federal funds for career, occupational, or
212 technical education, by inserting "that" following "however," and "further,".

213 (28) Code Section 20-2-171, relating to minimum direct classroom expenditures, waivers,
214 sanctions for noncompliance, submission of budget and expenditure information, and rules
215 and regulations, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in the introductory
216 language of subsection (a) and by substituting "Such term" for "This term" each time the
217 phrase appears in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2).

218 (29) Code Section 20-2-182, relating to program weights to reflect funds for payment of
219 salaries and benefits, maximum class size, reporting requirements, and application to specific
220 school years, by inserting a comma following "however, that" in the undesignated text at the
221 end of paragraph (i)(1).

222 (30) Code Section 20-2-186, relating to allocation of funds for local education agencies to
223 pay beginning salaries of superintendents, secretaries, accountants, nurses, and certain other
224 personnel and eligibility of failing schools for funds, by substituting "As used in this
225 paragraph, the term" for "For purposes of this paragraph," in paragraph (b)(4).

226 (31) Code Section 20-2-187, relating to state-wide school lunch program, instruction in
227 nutrition, hygiene, etiquette, and social graces, and school food and nutrition personnel, by
228 inserting "to" following "paid" in subparagraph (a)(1)(B).

229 (32) Code Section 20-2-189, relating to migrant student grants for schools, by deleting
230 "State" preceding "Department" in subsections (b) and (c).

231 (33) Code Section 20-2-206, relating to alternative teacher certification program and
232 creditable service, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in subsection (a) and
233 by substituting "meet" for "meets" in subparagraph (d)(2)(D).

- 234 (34) Code Section 20-2-207, relating to online course on educator ethics, by deleting
235 "Georgia".
- 236 (35) Code Section 20-2-210, relating to annual performance evaluation and on-time
237 graduation rate, by inserting a comma following "merits" in paragraph (b)(4).
- 238 (36) Code Section 20-2-211, relating to annual contract, disqualifying acts, and job
239 descriptions, by substituting "database" for "data base" in subsection (d).
- 240 (37) Code Section 20-2-216, relating to substitute teachers, by substituting "provided that
241 such" for "provided such".
- 242 (38) Code Section 20-2-219.1, relating to notice of social security withholdings and
243 eligibility and pension or retirement plan eligibility, by inserting "federal" following "Title II
244 of the" in subparagraph (a)(1)(B).
- 245 (39) Code Section 20-2-244, relating to waiver requests by a local board of education,
246 requirements for application for waiver, period of waiver, and blanket waivers, by
247 substituting "As used in this subsection, the term" for "For purposes of this subsection," in
248 subsection (h).
- 249 (40) Code Section 20-2-251, relating to teacher recruitment and retention program, purpose,
250 annual evaluation of program, and maximum participation, by substituting "on an annual"
251 for "on annual" in subparagraph (e)(3)(A) and by substituting "program, provided that" for
252 "program provided" in subparagraph (e)(3)(E).
- 253 (41) Code Section 20-2-256, relating to joint after-school programs for at-risk students, by
254 substituting "subparagraphs (A) and (B)" for "subparagraph (A) of this paragraph and
255 subparagraph (B)" in subparagraph (a)(1)(C).
- 256 (42) Code Section 20-2-260, relating to capital outlay funds generally, by substituting
257 "High-Demand" for "High-demand" in subsection (j).
- 258 (43) Code Section 20-2-263, relating to grant program to incentivize adoption of digital
259 learning and rules and regulations, by substituting "high-speed" for "high speed" in
260 subsections (a) and (b).

261 (44) Code Section 20-2-291, relating to financing construction of facilities for voluntary
262 consolidation, by deleting "Code Section 20-2-60 or" in subsection (a) and by deleting
263 paragraphs (1) through (3) and paragraph (7) and by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),
264 and (8) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively, in subsection (c).

265 (45) Code Section 20-2-310, relating to student directory information, registering to vote and
266 with Selective Service System, and Pledge of Allegiance, by substituting "at a minimum,"
267 for "as a minimum," each time the phrase appears in paragraph (e)(2).

268 (46) Code Section 20-2-313, relating to the J. William Fulbright Educational Exchange
269 Program, by deleting "State" preceding "Department of Education".

270 (47) Code Section 20-2-315, relating to sexual discrimination in sports, designations of
271 teams, equal opportunity for all sexes, facilities, accommodations, and violations, by deleting
272 "local" in the introductory language of subsection (j), by substituting "in writing" for "in
273 writing in writing" in paragraph (j)(3), and by inserting "of" following "representative" and
274 by deleting "the student or student's parent or guardian is the prevailing party in such action,"
275 in subparagraph (m)(1)(B).

276 (48) Code Section 20-2-316, relating to involvement of athletic association in high school
277 athletics, by substituting "provided, further, that," for "provided, further, however, that" in
278 paragraph (b)(2), by substituting "email" for "e-mail" in paragraph (b)(3), and by substituting
279 "six" for "6" in subparagraph (c)(1)(B).

280 (49) Code Section 20-2-318, relating to intercollegiate athletics and remedies for improper
281 activities, by substituting "means" for "shall mean" in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3).

282 (50) Code Section 20-2-322, relating to unfunded programs and activities regarding the State
283 Board of Education, by substituting "appropriations" for "Appropriations".

284 (51) Code Section 20-2-324.1, relating to concussion management and return to play
285 policies for youth athletes, by substituting "Such term" for "This term" in paragraph (a)(4)
286 and by inserting a comma following "however, that" in subsection (e).

287 (52) Code Section 20-2-324.6, relating to complaint resolution policy for materials "harmful
288 to minors", by inserting "the term" following "section," in the introductory language of
289 subsection (a).

290 (53) Code Section 20-2-327.1, relating to industry credentialing for career, technical, and
291 agricultural education programs and reporting, by substituting "High-Demand" for
292 "High-demand" in subsection (a) and by inserting "of" following "subsection (j)" in
293 subsection (b).

294 (54) Code Section 20-2-666, relating to activities by operators and limitations, by
295 substituting "As used in this paragraph, the term" for "For purposes of this paragraph," in
296 paragraph (a)(2).

297 (55) Code Section 20-2-690.1, relating to compulsory education for children between ages
298 six and 16 and voluntary withdrawal, by inserting "his or her" following "principal or" each
299 time the phrase appears in paragraph (f)(1) and by substituting "provided for" for "provide
300 for", by substituting "U.S.C." for "U.S.C.A." each time the term appears, and by substituting
301 "12" for "twelve" in paragraph (f)(2).

302 (56) Code Section 20-2-690.3, relating to chronically absent students and attendance review
303 teams, by substituting "this Code" for "the Code" in paragraph (c)(1).

304 (57) Code Section 20-2-705, relating to parental consent for participation in school clubs and
305 organizations, by substituting "composed" for "comprised" and by substituting "Such term"
306 for "This term" in paragraph (a)(1).

307 (58) Code Section 20-2-742, relating to multi-tiered system of supports prior to suspension
308 or expulsion for certain students, by substituting "Plan." for "plan." in subsection (c).

309 (59) Code Section 20-2-786, relating to parents' Bill of Rights, by inserting a comma
310 following "however, that" and by substituting "such term" for "the term 'review period'" in
311 paragraph (c)(5).

312 (60) Code Section 20-2-880, relating to definitions regarding health insurance plan for
313 public school teachers, by substituting "term:" for "term or terms:" in the introductory
314 language.

315 (61) Code Section 20-2-1127, relating to data base of names and licenses of school bus
316 operators and suspension or revocation of license, by substituting "database" for "data base"
317 in subsection (b).

318 (62) Code Section 20-2-2064, relating to approval or denial of petition regarding a charter
319 school, by substituting "with a single-school system attendance zone" for "with single-school
320 system attendance zones" in the introductory language of paragraph (d)(3).

321 (63) Code Section 20-2-2064.1, relating to review of charter by state board and charters for
322 state chartered special schools, by deleting the comma following "title" in subsection (c).

323 (64) Code Section 20-2-2065, relating to waiver of provisions of this title, requirements for
324 operating, and control and management regarding the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," by
325 substituting "internet" for "Internet" in paragraph (b)(1), by inserting a comma following
326 "that" in the introductory language of paragraph (b)(5), and by inserting a comma preceding
327 "relating to" in paragraphs (b)(12) through (b)(15).

328 (65) Code Section 20-2-2068.1, relating to charter school funding, by substituting "As used
329 in" for "For purposes of" in division (d)(1)(A)(i) and in the introductory language of
330 paragraph (d)(3).

331 (66) Code Section 20-2-2084, relating to petition for charter schools, requirements of school,
332 governing board membership, annual training, and simultaneous service prohibited, by
333 substituting "provided, however, that, prior" for "provided, however, that prior" in
334 paragraph (d)(1).

335 (67) Code Section 20-2-2089, relating to funding for state charter schools, by substituting
336 "As used in" for "For purposes of" in division (a)(1)(A)(i) and in the introductory language
337 of paragraph (a)(3).

338 (68) Code Section 20-2-2096.6, relating to funding regarding completion special schools,
339 by inserting "of" following "subsection (a)" in subsection (c).

340 (69) Code Section 20-2B-3, relating to creation of board of directors, organization, and
341 conduct regarding the Georgia Education Savings Authority, by deleting "**Functions and**
342 **composition.**" in subsection (a) and by deleting "**Organization and conduct of affairs.**" in
343 the introductory language of subsection (b).

344 (70) Code Section 20-3-16, relating to policies, rules, and regulations governing
345 participation by males and females in intercollegiate sports, designation and use of multiple
346 occupancy restrooms, changing areas, and sleeping quarters, penalties, and remedies, by
347 substituting "this subsection" for "this paragraph" and by substituting "student athlete's" for
348 "student's athlete's" in subsection (c).

349 (71) Code Section 20-3-86, relating to nonlapsing revenue of institutions in university
350 system, by substituting "repealed and reserved" for "repealed".

351 (72) Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to academic and enrollment requirements for
352 eligibility for a HOPE scholarship, duration of scholarship, and award amount, by deleting
353 "degree" following "associate's" in the introductory language of subsection (a).

354 (73) Code Section 20-4-141, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high
355 school diploma to successful participants, eligibility for participation, and regulation, by
356 substituting "provisions as they relate" for "provisions as relate" in paragraph (a)(2).

357 (74) Code Section 20-4-142, relating to automatic repeal of the article regarding Dual
358 Achievement Program, by substituting "repealed and reserved" for "repealed".

359 (75) Code Section 20-4-151, relating to purpose, employer or apprenticeship sponsorships,
360 required information, contracts, awards, and limitations, by substituting "High-Demand
361 Apprenticeship Program" for "High Demand Apprenticeship Program" twice in
362 subsection (a) and in subsection (c).

363 (76) Code Section 20-4-152, relating to utilization of the High-demand Career List, by
364 substituting "High-Demand Career List" for "High-demand Career List" and by substituting
365 "High-Demand Apprenticeship Program" for "High Demand Apprenticeship Program".

366 (77) Code Section 20-4-153, relating to annual reporting and cooperation from
367 apprenticeship sponsor, by substituting "High-Demand Apprenticeship Program." for "High
368 Demand Apprenticeship Program." in subsection (b).

369 (78) The following Code sections by substituting "internet" for "Internet" each time the term
370 appears:

371 (A) Code Section 20-2-81, relating to strategic plan and proposed contract for local school
372 systems requesting flexibility and strategic waivers school system;

373 (B) Code Section 20-2-201, relating to specific course requirements, in-service or
374 continuing education, and online offerings;

375 (C) Code Section 20-2-319.1, relating to Georgia Virtual School;

376 (D) Code Section 20-2-662, relating to definitions regarding student data privacy,
377 accessibility, and transparency;

378 (E) Code Section 20-2-666, relating to activities by operators and limitations regarding
379 student data privacy, accessibility, and transparency; and

380 (F) Code Section 20-2-2086, relating to information to parents.

381 **SECTION 21.**

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

383 (1) Code Section 21-2-154, relating to certification of political party candidates, by
384 substituting "paragraph (3) of subsection (c) of Code Section 15-16-1," for
385 "subparagraph (c)(2)(A) of Code Section 15-16-1," in subsection (b).

386 (2) Code Section 21-2-284.1, relating to nonpartisan municipal primary ballot form, by
387 inserting a comma following "Code Section 21-2-284" in the introductory language.

388 **SECTION 22.**

389 Reserved.

390 **SECTION 23.**

391 Reserved.

392 **SECTION 24.**

393 Title 24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to evidence, is amended in:

394 (1) Code Section 24-12-21, relating to disclosure of AIDS confidential information, by
395 inserting a comma following "parent or guardian" in paragraph (bb)(2).

396 **SECTION 25.**

397 Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fire protection and safety, is
398 amended in:

399 (1) Code Section 25-3-23, relating to general requirements, equipment and clothing,
400 insurance, and rules and regulations regarding fire departments, by inserting a semicolon
401 following "Council" in subparagraph (a)(1)(D).

402 (2) Code Section 25-3-25, relating to suspension or revocation of certificate of compliance,
403 hearings, and enforcement, by deleting the comma following "Council" in subsection (b).

404 (3) Code Section 25-4-7, relating to functions and powers of council, by deleting "and"
405 following "decertifications," in paragraph (4).

406 (4) Code Section 25-4-9, relating to basic firefighter training course and transfer of
407 certification, by deleting the comma following "full-time" in subparagraph (a)(1)(A) and by
408 deleting the comma following "council" in paragraph (a)(2).

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SECTION 26.

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

412 (1) Code Section 26-2-21, relating to definitions regarding the adulteration and misbranding
413 of food, by substituting "as defined in Code Section 26-2-470;" for "as provided for in Code
414 Section 26-2-471;" in subparagraph (a)(5)(F).

415 (2) Code Section 26-2-200, relating to definitions regarding meat, poultry, and dairy
416 processing plants, by substituting "as defined in Code Section 26-2-470." for "as provided
417 for in Code Section 26-2-471." in paragraph (3).

418 (3) Code Section 26-2-370, relating to definitions regarding food service establishments, by
419 substituting "as defined in Code Section 26-2-470." for "as provided for in Code
420 Section 26-2-471." in subparagraph (2)(G).

421

SECTION 27.

422 Title 27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to game and fish, is amended in:

423 (1) Code Section 27-1-2, relating to definitions regarding game and fish, by substituting
424 "such term" for "this term" in paragraph (30), by substituting "Such term" for "This term" in
425 paragraphs (39), (57), (64), (72), and (75), by inserting "that" following "however," in
426 paragraph (51), and by substituting "a person" for "an individual, partnership, firm,
427 corporation, association, or other entity" in paragraph (54).

428 (2) Code Section 27-1-20, relating to additional powers of game wardens and functions of
429 other agencies assigned to department, by substituting "As used in this Code section, the
430 term" for "For the purposes of this Code section," in paragraph (a)(8).

431 (3) Code Section 27-2-2, relating to issuance and sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping
432 licenses, withdrawal of agents' authority to sell licenses, and optional participation in
433 anatomical gift program, by substituting "such agreement" for "the agreement" in

434 paragraph (b)(2) and by substituting "internet" for "Internet" each time the term appears in
435 paragraph (b)(3).

436 (4) Code Section 27-2-5, relating to required hunter education courses, by substituting
437 "internet" for "Internet" in subsection (a).

438 (5) Code Section 27-2-23, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees regarding hunting,
439 trapping, or fishing, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" and by substituting
440 "internet" for "Internet" in paragraph (12).

441 (6) Code Section 27-2-30, relating to establishment of the Wildlife Endowment Trust Fund
442 and investment, accounting, and expenditures, by substituting "department" for "Department
443 of Natural Resources" each time the phrase appears in subsection (f).

444 (7) Code Section 27-3-1, relating to requirement of permission to hunt on lands of another,
445 written permission, enforcement, and immunity of landowner from civil liability, by
446 substituting "As used in this Code section, the term" for "For the purposes of this Code
447 section only," in subsection (a).

448 (8) Code Section 27-3-26, relating to hunting bears, restrictions, and penalties, by
449 substituting "department" for "Department of Natural Resources" in paragraph (a)(1).

450 (9) Code Section 27-4-5, relating to methods for taking fish generally, by substituting "As
451 used in this Code section, the term 'oxbow lake'" for "For purposes of this Code section, an
452 'oxbow lake'" in subsection (c).

453 (10) Code Section 27-4-32, relating to sport trotlines, by inserting "the term" following
454 "section,".

455 (11) Code Section 27-4-91, relating to lawful devices generally regarding fresh-water
456 fishing, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" and by inserting "the term"
457 following "section," in subsection (b).

458 (12) Code Section 27-4-138, relating to penalties for offenses pertaining to operation of
459 commercial fishing boats engaged in illegal fishing with power-drawn nets, by substituting

460 "As used in this Code section, the term" for "For purposes of this Code section," in
461 subsection (c).

462 (13) Code Section 27-4-150, relating to taking, possessing, and dealing in crabs and peelers
463 and required records, by substituting "subsection" for "paragraph" each time the term
464 appears, by substituting "shall" for "must" each time the term appears, and by substituting
465 "taken from outside" for "taken outside" in subsection (a).

466 (14) Code Section 27-4-151, relating to use of crab traps, identification of boats or vessels,
467 and closure of salt waters authorized, by substituting "As used in this Code section, the term"
468 for "For the purposes of this Code section," in subsection (b) and by substituting "board," for
469 "Board of Natural Resources," in paragraph (g)(4).

470 (15) Code Section 27-4-251, relating to short title regarding aquaculture development, by
471 inserting "shall be known and" following "article".

472 (16) Code Section 27-4-254, relating to duty of commission to develop aquaculture
473 development plan, contents of plan, meetings of commission, and staff support, by
474 substituting "department" for "Department of Natural Resources" in paragraph (a)(4) and in
475 subsection (c).

476 (17) Code Section 27-4-255, relating to registration required for sale of domestic fish and
477 regulation of sale without registration, by substituting "department;" for "Department of
478 Natural Resources;" and by deleting the quotation marks at the beginning and end of
479 "domestic fish", "wildlife", and "wild animals".

480 (18) Code Section 27-4-256, relating to duty of department to register sellers of domestic
481 fish and expiration of registration, by substituting "department" for "Department of Natural
482 Resources".

483 (19) Code Section 27-5-7, relating to release or escape from captivity regarding wild
484 animals, by deleting "as defined in paragraph (75) of Code Section 27-1-2".

485 (20) The following Code sections by substituting "board" for "Board of Natural Resources"
486 each time the phrase appears:

- 487 (A) Code Section 27-1-5, relating to applicability of "Georgia Administrative Procedure
488 Act" to rules and regulations promulgated by board, affirmation of decision by operation
489 of law, and appellate review;
- 490 (B) Code Section 27-1-36, relating to civil enforcement by department and disposition of
491 penalties regarding general provisions of game and fish;
- 492 (C) Code Section 27-1-37, relating to administrative orders, emergency administrative
493 orders, and administrative review regarding general provisions of game and fish;
- 494 (D) Code Section 27-1-39, relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal
495 violations regarding general provisions of game and fish;
- 496 (E) Code Section 27-2-25, relating to revocation, suspension, denial, or nonrenewal of
497 license or permits and administrative and judicial review regarding general provisions of
498 game and fish;
- 499 (F) Code Section 27-2-41, relating to rules and regulations authorized regarding general
500 provisions of game and fish;
- 501 (G) Code Section 27-3-24, relating to restrictions on hunting feral hogs; and
- 502 (H) Code Section 27-4-132.1, relating to limit on amount of shrimp fished by cast net and
503 penalty for violation.

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SECTION 28.

505 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
506 amended in:

- 507 (1) Code Section 28-1-2, relating to time and place of meetings regarding general provisions
508 of the General Assembly, by substituting "House of Representatives" for "House" and by
509 substituting "House of Representatives." for "House.".
- 510 (2) Code Section 28-1-3, relating to initial organization regarding general provisions of the
511 General Assembly, by substituting "chairperson" for "chairman" and by substituting

512 "Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives." for "Secretary or
513 Clerk."

514 (3) Code Section 28-1-6, relating to powers and duties of President Pro Tempore of the
515 Senate and Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, by inserting "of the
516 Senate" following "the President Pro Tempore" and by inserting "of the House of
517 Representatives" following "the Speaker Pro Tempore".

518 (4) Code Section 28-1-6.1, relating to method for determining permanent disability of
519 Speaker of the House of Representatives, by revising said Code section as follows:

520 "Upon a petition of 20 members of the majority caucus of the House of Representatives
521 being filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives that the Speaker of the House
522 of Representatives is unable to perform the duties of that office because of physical or
523 mental disability, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make a copy of the
524 petition for the records of his office and shall transmit, within three days, the original to the
525 ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the majority caucus along with his certificate as to the date and
526 time on which the petition was filed with him. The ~~chairman~~ chairperson shall call a
527 meeting of the caucus to be held within five days from the date he receives the petition and
528 certificate from the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Such meeting shall be for the
529 purpose of holding a hearing on the petition and the caucus shall adopt rules for the
530 conduct of the hearing. After the hearing the members of the caucus shall vote and if a
531 majority of the membership of the caucus votes that there is a disability and that such
532 disability is permanent the office shall be declared vacant and the Speaker Pro Tempore of
533 the House of Representatives shall become Speaker of the House of Representatives and
534 serve until a Speaker of the House of Representatives is elected."

535 (5) Code Section 28-1-8, relating to salary and allowances of members and officers, by
536 substituting "shall" for "must", by substituting "Speaker of the House of Representatives,"
537 for "Speaker of the House," in paragraph (b)(1) and by substituting "House of
538 Representatives." for "House." in paragraph (b)(2).

539 (6) Code Section 28-1-10, relating to seals of the General Assembly and of each house, by
540 revising said Code section as follows:

541 "Authority is granted for the General Assembly, the House of Representatives, and the
542 Senate each to have a seal. The Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of
543 Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives
544 are authorized to use the seal of the General Assembly. The Lieutenant Governor and the
545 Secretary of the Senate are authorized to use the seal of the Senate. The Speaker of the
546 House of Representatives and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are authorized to
547 use the seal of the House of Representatives. The Secretary of State is authorized and
548 directed to provide three seals of the General Assembly, placing one in the custody of the
549 Secretary of the Senate, placing one in the custody of the Clerk of the House of
550 Representatives, and retaining custody of one. He shall provide two seals of the Senate,
551 placing one in the custody of the Secretary of the Senate and retaining custody of one. He
552 shall provide two seals of the House of Representatives, placing one in the custody of the
553 Clerk of the House of Representatives and retaining custody of one."

554 (7) Code Section 28-1-15, relating to restrictions on population bills and "population bill"
555 defined, by inserting "the term" following "section," in subsection (b), by inserting "the term"
556 following "subsection," and by substituting "Such term" for "'Population bill'" in the
557 introductory language of subsection (c), and by substituting "shall" for "must" and by
558 substituting "population bill." for "'population bill.'" in the undesignated text at the end of
559 subsection (c).

560 (8) Code Section 28-1-16, relating to issuance of subpoenas by Superior Court of Fulton
561 County on behalf of the Committees on Ethics of the Senate and House of Representatives,
562 by substituting "House of Representatives" for "House" in paragraph (a)(1) and
563 subsection (b) and by substituting "House of Representatives," for "House," each time the
564 term appears in the introductory language of subsection (c).

565 (9) Code Section 28-1-17, relating to exercise of investigatory powers and conduct, by
566 inserting a comma following "common law" and by substituting "any other way limiting" for
567 "any limiting" in subsection (e).

568 (10) Code Section 28-3-20, relating to election and term of office and procedure for filling
569 vacancies, by revising subsection (b) and paragraph (c)(3) of said Code section as follows:

570 "(b) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Clerk of the House of Representatives or the
571 permanent disability of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the
572 House of Representatives shall appoint a duly qualified person to succeed to the office of
573 Clerk of the House of Representatives. Any question concerning the existence of
574 permanent disability of the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be determined by
575 the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the concurrence of a majority of the
576 ~~chairmen~~ chairpersons of the standing committees of the House of Representatives. Any
577 person succeeding to the office of Clerk of the House of Representatives pursuant to this
578 subsection shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term."

579 "(3) Any question concerning the existence of permanent disability of the Secretary of
580 the Senate shall be determined by the President of the Senate with the concurrence of a
581 majority of the ~~chairmen~~ chairpersons of the standing committees of the Senate."

582 (11) Code Section 28-3-24, relating to procedure for distributing bills, resolutions, and other
583 documents and fees, by substituting "Clerk of the House of Representatives shall" for "Clerk
584 shall".

585 (12) Code Section 28-3-24.1, relating to public distribution of legislative information in
586 electronic format, by substituting "Clerk of the House of Representatives contribute" for
587 "Clerk contribute" in subsection (b).

588 (13) Code Section 28-4-2, relating to general powers and duties of the Legislative Services
589 Committee, by substituting "House of Representatives," for "House," each time the term
590 appears in subsection (b).

591 (14) Code Section 28-5-4, relating to consideration of general appropriations bill and
592 availability of Governor's budget report, by inserting "of the House of Representatives"
593 following "Speaker" in subsection (a).

594 (15) Code Section 28-5-6, relating to powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Senate
595 Budget and Evaluation Office and the House Budget and Research Office, by substituting
596 "House of Representatives as" for "House as" in subsection (c).

597 (16) Code Section 28-5-21, relating to selection and term of service of members, by
598 substituting "House of Representatives who" for "House who" and by substituting "Speaker
599 of the House of Representatives in" for "Speaker in" in paragraph (b)(1) and by inserting "of
600 Representatives" following "House" in paragraph (b)(2).

601 (17) Code Section 28-5-22, relating to meetings generally, by substituting "chairperson" for
602 "chairman" each time the term appears, by substituting "House of Representatives shall" for
603 "House shall", by substituting "House of Representatives subcommittee." for "House
604 subcommittee.", by substituting "Speaker of the House of Representatives or" for "Speaker
605 or", and by substituting "chairpersons." for "chairmen."

606 (18) Code Section 28-5-24, relating to annual report to General Assembly, by inserting "of
607 Representatives" following "House".

608 (19) Code Section 28-5-47.1, relating to legislative intent and purpose, by inserting "and"
609 following "instances;" in paragraph (3).

610 (20) Code Section 28-5-49, relating to analysis of costs of proposed bills and joint
611 resolutions to affected localities, filing of fiscal notes, requests by representatives of local
612 political subdivisions for copies, and waiver of requirements, by inserting "of
613 Representatives" following "Speaker of the House" in paragraph (c)(1).

614 (21) Code Section 28-5-82, relating to board hearings, by inserting "of Representatives"
615 following "Speaker of the House" and "Clerk of the House", by substituting "the House of
616 Representatives;" for "the House;", and by substituting "chairperson" for "chairman" each
617 time the term appears and by substituting "chairperson," for "chairman,".

618 (22) Code Section 28-5-83, relating to investigation of claims by the Claims Advisory Board
619 and advisory recommendations, by substituting "chairperson" for "chairman" and by
620 substituting "House of Representatives and the Senate" for "House and Senate".

621 (23) Code Section 28-5-104, relating to when award of compensation not to be
622 recommended generally, limitations on amounts, and action by General Assembly upon
623 recommendations, by inserting "of Representatives" following "House" in subsection (c).

624 (24) Code Section 28-5-121, relating to definitions regarding fair and open grants, by
625 substituting "As used in this Code section, such term" for "For the purposes of this Code
626 section, 'grant'" in the introductory language of paragraph (1).

627 (25) Code Section 28-7-4, relating to presence of certain persons on floor of House or Senate
628 for purpose of privately discussing pending measures, by substituting "House of
629 Representatives or the Senate," for "House or Senate,".

630 (26) Code Section 28-11-4, relating to availability of instructional classes and courses and
631 payment of and reimbursement of expenses, by substituting "internet," for "Internet," in
632 subsection (a).

633 (27) Code Section 28-11-6, relating to supervision of Georgia General Assembly Training
634 Institute, by substituting "board." for "board of the Georgia General Assembly Training
635 Institute." in subsection (a).

636

SECTION 29.

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

639 (1) Code Section 29-2-3, relating to guardian of minor children in event of divorce and death
640 of spouse or former spouse, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in
641 subsection (a) and by deleting "child" in subsection (b).

642 (2) Code Section 29-2-11, relating to designation in writing, requirements of designation,
643 and form regarding standby guardians, by inserting quotation marks at the beginning and end
644 of the form in subsection (c).

645 (3) Code Section 29-3-115, relating to "foreign conservator" defined and sale of minor's
646 property, by substituting "As used in this part, the term 'foreign conservator' means" for "For
647 purposes of this part, a 'foreign conservator' is" in subsection (a) and by substituting "shall"
648 for "must" each time the term appears in subsection (b).

649 (4) Code Section 29-4-95, relating to "foreign guardian" defined and sale of ward's property,
650 by substituting "As used in this part, the term 'foreign guardian' means" for "For purposes of
651 this part, a 'foreign guardian' is" in subsection (a) and by substituting "shall" for "must" each
652 time the term appears in subsection (b).

653 (5) Code Section 29-5-23, relating to authority of conservator and cooperation with guardian
654 or other interested parties, by substituting "as used in" for "for purposes of" in
655 paragraphs (a)(13) and (c)(5).

656 (6) Code Section 29-5-110, relating to proceedings for appeal, appointment of guardians ad
657 litem, bond and security prior to removal, liability of surety of predecessor conservator, and
658 jurisdiction, by inserting a comma following "however, that" in subsection (a).

659 (7) Code Section 29-9-3, relating to assessment of costs, compensation, fees, and expenses,
660 factors, enforcement, and abuse, neglect, or exploitation, by substituting "As used in
661 paragraph (4) of subsection (b) and paragraph (5) of subsection (c) of this Code section, the
662 term" for "For purposes of paragraph (4) of subsection (b) and paragraph (5) of subsection (c)
663 of this Code section," in the introductory language of subsection (e).

664 **SECTION 30.**

665 Title 30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to handicapped persons, is
666 amended in:

667 (1) Code Section 30-1-5, relating to Georgia Commission for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing,
668 definitions, creation, operation, multiagency task force for educational improvements,
669 stakeholder advisory committee, and annual reporting, by substituting "web based and print
670 based," for "web-based and print-based," in paragraph (e)(2) and by inserting "federal"
671 following "Part B of the" and by substituting "shall comply with the federal" for "must
672 comply with" in paragraph (g)(2).

673 (2) Code Section 30-3-2, relating to definitions regarding access to and use of public
674 facilities by persons with disabilities, by revising the introductory language of paragraph (2)
675 and subparagraph (2)(A) of said Code section as follows:

676 "(2) 'Adaptable' ~~is further explained as follows~~ includes:

677 (A) Features ~~Adaptable refers to features~~ provided for but not actually installed. Such
678 adaptability makes it possible for the feature required by ADAAG to be added for the
679 occupant without major structural alteration;"

680 (3) Code Section 30-5-11, relating to establishment of Adult Abuse, Neglect, and
681 Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team, membership, duties, creation of memorandum of
682 understanding, confidentiality and limitations on disclosures, and reporting and reviews, by
683 substituting "database" for "data base" in paragraph (e)(5).

684 (4) Code Section 30-6-1, relating to short title, by substituting "with" for "With".

685 (5) Code Section 30-9-3, relating to definitions regarding Georgia Achieving a Better Life
686 Experience (ABLE), by substituting "program" for "Program" in paragraph (9).

687 (6) Code Section 30-9-13, relating to provision of public information and outreach, by
688 substituting "qualified ABLE program." for "Qualified ABLE Program."

689 **SECTION 31.**

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

691 (1) Code Section 31-2-4, relating to powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities, divisions,
692 directors, and contracts for health benefits regarding the Department of Community Health,

693 by deleting the comma following "of this title" in paragraph (d)(8) and by inserting a comma
694 following "institution" in division (d)(9)(B)(i).

695 (2) Code Section 31-10-28, relating to institutions and others to keep vital records, by
696 substituting "any birth certificates, death certificates, reports of spontaneous fetal death," for
697 "the birth certificates and death and the reports of spontaneous fetal death" in subsection (a).

698 (3) Code Section 31-10-31, relating to penalty regarding vital records, by inserting "or"
699 following "chapter;" in paragraph (b)(2).

700 (4) Code Section 31-11-2, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of emergency
701 medical services, by substituting "'Emergency organ transport vehicle'" for "'Emergency
702 organ transplant vehicle'" in paragraph (9.1).

703 (5) Code Section 31-11-31, relating to application for license, by deleting the comma
704 following "characteristics" in paragraph (6).

705 (6) Code Section 31-52-22, relating to requirements for written informed consent, by
706 deleting the comma following "life" in paragraph (2).

707 **SECTION 32.**

708 Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries,
709 is amended in:

710 (1) Code Section 32-6-2, relating to authority of department, counties, and municipalities
711 to regulate parking, parking vehicles or leaving vehicles unattended on right of way of public
712 road on state highway system, and towing and recovery program for certain vehicles, by
713 deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (3) and by substituting "; and" for the period at the end
714 of paragraph (4).

715 **SECTION 33.**

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

717 (1) Code Section 33-24-59.33, relating to required coverage for biomarker testing, by
718 substituting "Medicare" for "medicare" in paragraph (c)(3) and by substituting "this title,"
719 for "Title 33," in subsection (f).

720 **SECTION 34.**

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

723 (1) Code Section 34-9-26, relating to required notice regarding injured peace officers, by
724 substituting "Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act';"
725 for "the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Act' contained in Chapter 8 of
726 Title 35;" in subsection (a) and by inserting a comma following "belief" in subsection (b).

727 (2) Code Section 34-14-3, relating to High-demand Career List, by substituting "a
728 High-Demand Career List" for "a High-demand Career List", by substituting "on the
729 High-Demand Career List," for "on High-demand Career List,", and by substituting "The
730 High-Demand Career List" for "The High-demand Career List" in the introductory language
731 of subsection (a), by deleting "and" at the end of paragraph (a)(1), by inserting "and"
732 following "the House Committee on Education," in paragraph (a)(3), and by substituting
733 "High-Demand Career List" for "High-demand Career List" in subsection (b).

734 (3) Code Section 34-14-4, relating to return of investment analysis of secondary and
735 postsecondary programs, evaluation and reporting requirements, and cooperation, by
736 substituting "High-Demand Career List" for "High-demand Career List" in subsection (a),
737 by substituting "postcompletion;" for "post-completion;" in paragraph (c)(2), by substituting
738 "High-Demand Career List" for "High-demand Career List" in paragraph (c)(3), and by
739 substituting "postsecondary" for "post-secondary" in paragraph (c)(4).

740 (4) Code Section 34-14-5, relating to reporting on the alignment of policies, programs, and
741 practices of the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the University
742 System of Georgia, the Technical College system of Georgia, and the Georgia Student
743 Finance Commission, requirements, and cooperation, by substituting "High-Demand Career
744 List" for "High-demand Career List" in paragraph (b)(10).

745 **SECTION 35.**

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

748 (1) Code Section 35-1-24, relating to peace officers eligible for indemnification or disability
749 compensation and notifications, by substituting "Chapter 8 of Title 35, the 'Georgia Peace
750 Officer Standards and Training Act';" for "the 'Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training
751 Act' contained in Chapter 8 of this title;" in subsection (a).

752 **SECTION 36.**

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

755 (1) Code Section 36-31-11.2, relating to transition of services for certain municipalities
756 incorporated by local Act on or after January 1, 2024, by substituting "this paragraph" for
757 "the paragraph" in division (b)(1)(B)(v), by substituting "succeeding" for "succeed" and by
758 substituting "within the territory" for "within territory" in division (b)(4)(A)(ii), by
759 substituting "versus" for "verses" and by substituting "provides" for "provide" in the
760 undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (b)(4)(A), by substituting "means" for "mean"
761 in subparagraph (b)(5)(A), by deleting "a" following "control of" and deleting the comma
762 following "service" in the introductory language of subparagraph (b)(5)(B), and by
763 substituting "not been" for "not be" in division (b)(5)(B)(iii).

764 (2) Code Section 36-63-8, relating to powers of resource recovery development authorities
765 generally, by deleting the comma following "that" in paragraph (a)(6).

766 (3) Code Section 36-66-3, relating to definitions regarding zoning procedures, by inserting
767 "means" preceding "any board" in paragraph (1.1).

768 (4) Code Section 36-70-25.2, relating to nonbinding arbitration process, by deleting "the"
769 following "prior to" in paragraph (b)(1).

770 **SECTION 37.**

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

772 (1) Code Section 37-1-1, relating to definitions regarding general provisions for the
773 governing and regulation of mental health, by substituting "this title." for "Title 37." in
774 paragraph (11.1) and by substituting "as used in this title and Title 31 means" for "means, for
775 purposes of this title and Title 31," in paragraph (25).

776 (2) Code Section 37-1-20, relating to obligations of the Department of Behavioral Health
777 and Developmental Disabilities, by substituting "database" for "data base" in paragraph (27).

778 (3) Code Section 37-1-28, relating to conviction data, by deleting "whom" in subsections (b)
779 and (c).

780 (4) Code Section 37-1-116, relating to abolishment and termination of the Behavioral Health
781 Reform and Innovation Commission, by substituting "repealed and reserved" for "repealed".

782 (5) Code Section 37-2-4, relating to Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership,
783 meetings, and obligations, by substituting "outcomes" for "outcome" in paragraph (e)(1) and
784 by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in subsection (i).

785 (6) Code Section 37-2-6, relating to community mental health, developmental disabilities,
786 and addictive diseases service boards and community service board creation, membership,
787 participation of counties, transfer of powers and duties, alternate method of establishment,
788 bylaws, and reprisals prohibited, by inserting a comma following "however, that" in the
789 undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (b)(1)(B), by substituting a semicolon for the

790 period at the end of paragraph (b)(4), by substituting "As used in" for "For the purposes of"
791 and by substituting "however, that such term" for "however, that 'advocacy groups'" in
792 subsection (c), by inserting a comma following "however, that" in subsection (c.1), by
793 inserting "of this Code section" following "subsection (b)" in subsection (f), by substituting
794 "shall" for "must" in subsection (g), by substituting "As used in this subsection, the term" for
795 "For purposes of this subsection," in subsection (h), and by inserting quotation marks at the
796 beginning and the end of the oath in subsection (p).

797 (7) Code Section 37-2-11, relating to allocation of available funds for services, recipients
798 to meet minimum standards, accounting for fees generated by providers, and discrimination
799 in providing services prohibited, by inserting "that," following "however," in subsection (c).

800 (8) Code Section 37-2-11.1, relating to venue in actions against community service board,
801 representation by Attorney General, immunity, use of legal counsel, and authority for
802 indemnification, defense, and insurance, by substituting "As used in this Code section, the
803 term" for "For purposes of this Code section," in subsection (a).

804 (9) Code Section 37-2-71, relating to fee schedule for licensure, by substituting "drug abuse
805 treatment" for "drug treatment".

806 (10) Code Section 37-2-72, relating to findings and actions by Department of Behavioral
807 Health and Developmental Disabilities, by substituting "drug abuse treatment" for "drug
808 treatment" each time the phrase appears.

809 (11) Code Section 37-2-73, relating to emergency relocation of residents, monitoring,
810 emergency orders, and additional powers, by substituting "drug abuse treatment" for "drug
811 treatment" each time the phrase appears.

812 (12) Code Section 37-3-101, relating to transportation of patients generally, by substituting
813 "subsection" for "subsections" in subsection (c).

814 (13) Code Section 37-3-146, relating to education of children undergoing treatment in a
815 facility, by deleting "State" preceding "Department of Education".

816 (14) Code Section 37-3-211, relating to denial, suspension or revocation of license regarding
817 adult residential mental health services licensing, by substituting "this article" for "this
818 chapter" each time the phrase appears in subsection (a).

819 (15) Code Section 37-4-4, relating to coordination of training programs for the
820 developmentally disabled, by deleting "State" preceding "Department of Education".

821 (16) Code Section 37-4-106, relating to education of children who are clients, by deleting
822 "State" preceding "Department of Education".

823 (17) Code Section 37-7-146, relating to education of children undergoing treatment in a
824 facility, by deleting "State" preceding "Department of Education".

825 (18) Code Section 37-11-10, relating to revocation and effect of marriage or appointment
826 of guardian, by inserting a comma following "declarant's direction" in paragraph (a)(2) and
827 by inserting a comma following "the directive" in paragraph (a)(3).

828 (19) Code Section 37-13-2, relating to regulatory authority regarding community living
829 arrangements, by inserting a comma following "events" and by deleting "a" following "such
830 as" in paragraph (b)(1).

831 (20) Code Section 37-13-25, relating to disclosures regarding abuse and exploitation within
832 community living arrangement, by substituting "As used in" for "For the purpose of" and by
833 substituting "Such term" for "The term 'representative'".

834 **SECTION 38.**

835 Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to military, emergency
836 management, and veterans affairs, is amended in:

837 (1) Code Section 38-2-1, relating to short title regarding general provisions of the state
838 militia, by inserting "shall be known and" following "chapter".

839 (2) Code Section 38-2-279, relating to rights of public officers and employees absent on
840 military duty as members of organized militia or reserve forces, by substituting

841 "teleconference" for "telecommunications conference" each time the phrase appears in
842 subsection (g).

843 (3) Code Section 38-2-285, relating to state sponsored life insurance program for the
844 Georgia National Guard, by substituting "As used in this Code section, the term" for "For
845 purposes of this Code section," in subsection (a).

846 (4) Code Section 38-2-1006.1, relating to stalking between organized militia members,
847 petition, hearing, and issuance of protective orders, by substituting "ten" for "10" and by
848 substituting "shall" for "must" in subsection (e).

849 (5) Code Section 38-2-1038, relating to trial counsel, by inserting a comma following
850 "however, that" in paragraph (b)(4).

851 (6) Code Section 38-3-1, relating to short title regarding general provisions of emergency
852 management, by inserting "shall be known and" following "chapter".

853 (7) Code Section 38-3-27, relating to local organizations for emergency management,
854 creation, structure, powers, directors, appointment, qualifications, and compensation, state
855 to provide financial assistance, and entitlement for funding, by substituting "Federal
856 Emergency Management Agency" for "federal emergency management agency" in
857 paragraph (a)(6).

858 (8) Code Section 38-3-51, relating to emergency powers of Governor, termination of
859 emergency, limitations in energy emergency, and immunity, by substituting "however, that,
860 as used in" for "however, that for purposes of" in paragraph (d)(8).

861 (9) Code Section 38-3-63, relating to notification to other judicial officials and public
862 regarding judicial emergency, by substituting "email," for "e-mail," in paragraph (3).

863 (10) Code Section 38-3-161, relating to definitions regarding uniform emergency volunteer
864 health practitioners, by substituting "Such term" for "The term" in paragraph (11) and by
865 substituting "Such term" for "The term 'volunteer health practitioner'" in paragraph (17).

866 (11) Code Section 38-3-181, relating to definitions regarding the Georgia Emergency
867 Communications Authority, by substituting "U.S.C." for "U.S.C.A." in paragraph (8) and by
868 deleting "provided" in paragraph (8.1).

869 (12) Code Section 38-4-2, relating to powers and appointment of executive directors of
870 veterans' homes, by substituting "Such term shall" for "The term shall" in paragraph (a)(4).

871 (13) Code Section 38-4-33, relating to Department of Veterans Service and various state
872 educational bodies to cooperate with and full realization of federal benefits, by substituting
873 "chancellor" for "Chancellor".

874 (14) Code Section 38-4-70, relating to cemeteries established and eligibility for interment,
875 by substituting "subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph." for "paragraph (1) or (2) of this
876 subsection." in subparagraph (c)(2)(C).

877 **SECTION 39.**

878 Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, is amended in:

879 (1) Code Section 39-2-18, relating to applicability of provisions of chapter to minors
880 employed as actors or performers, by substituting "shall" for "must" in subsection (a) and by
881 substituting "subsection (a) of this Code section;" for "subsection (a);" in paragraph (b)(3).

882 (2) Code Section 39-5-1, relating to definitions regarding online internet safety, by
883 substituting "the internet" for "the Internet" each time the phrase appears in paragraphs (1),
884 (2), and (3), by substituting "the internet;" for "the Internet;" in paragraph (2), and by
885 substituting "the internet." for "the Internet." in paragraph (3).

886 (3) Code Section 39-5-2, relating to notification to subscribers of products that limit, restrict,
887 or monitor a minor's use of the Internet, by substituting "internet" for "Internet" each time
888 the term appears in subsection (a), paragraph (b)(3), and the introductory language of
889 subsection (c) and by substituting "internet," for "Internet," and by substituting "internet."
890 for "Internet." in subsection (a).

891 (4) Code Section 39-5-3, relating to immunity for computer service providers, by
892 substituting "internet" for "Internet" in subsection (a) and paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) and
893 by substituting "email" for "e-mail" in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2).

894 **SECTION 40.**

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

897 (1) Code Section 40-1-1, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of identification
898 and regulation, by substituting "organ transport vehicle" for "organ transplant vehicle" and
899 by inserting "that" following "provided" in paragraph (5).

900 (2) Code Section 40-1-100, relating to definitions regarding certification of motor carriers,
901 by inserting "for" following "\$50,000.00" in division (12)(B)(v).

902 (3) Code Section 40-1-201, relating to liability of ride share network service, by inserting
903 "be" following "causes to" in paragraph (a)(3).

904 (4) Code Section 40-2-8.1, relating to issuance of temporary operating permits, electronic
905 temporary operating permit issuance system, system access, and suspension from system, by
906 inserting "by" following "prescribed" in subsection (b).

907 **SECTION 41.**

908 Reserved.

909 **SECTION 42.**

910 Reserved.

911 **SECTION 43.**

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

914 (1) Code Section 43-1-2, relating to appointment and general powers of division director,
915 members and meetings of professional licensing boards, examination standards, roster of
916 licensees, and funding, by substituting "Secretary of State" for "secretary of state" in
917 subsection (k).

918 (2) Code Section 43-10A-5, relating to powers and duties of board, quorum, and meetings,
919 by substituting "The board" for "Unless specifically delegated to a standards committee
920 pursuant to Code Section 43-10A-6, the board" in the introductory language of
921 subsection (c).

922 (3) Code Section 43-11-54, relating to requirements and limitations of teledentistry, by
923 substituting "Code Section 43-11-74" for "Code Section 43-11-74" in paragraphs (a)(8)
924 and (f)(3) and by substituting a semicolon for the period at the end of
925 subparagraphs (e)(2)(B) and (e)(6)(B).

926 (4) Code Section 43-14-8, relating to licensing required for electrical, plumbing, conditioned
927 air contracting, or low voltage contracting businesses conducted by partnerships, limited
928 liability companies, and corporations, applications, and review courses, by substituting
929 "Master Plumber Class I" for "Master Plumber Class 1" in paragraph (b)(2).

930 (5) Code Section 43-14-21, relating to certain military certifications entitle persons to obtain
931 certain professional licenses, by substituting "Code section," for "subsection," in
932 subsection (d).

933 (6) Code Section 43-18-46, relating to grounds for denial or revocation of license or
934 registration and other discipline, by inserting a comma following "general public" in
935 paragraph (27).

936 (7) Code Section 43-18-72.1, relating to licensing for organic human reduction facilities,
937 requirements, and regulations, by substituting "subparagraph (G)" for "paragraph (G)" in
938 subparagraph (a)(2)(B).

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SECTION 44.

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

941 (1) Code Section 44-1-13, relating to removal or immobilization of trespassing cars or
942 personal property, concurrent jurisdiction, procedure, automatic surveillance prohibited, and
943 penalty, by substituting "trespass. It" for "trespass; provided, further, that it" in
944 subsection (f).

945 (2) Code Section 44-1-14, relating to abatement of hazard from abandoned well or hole,
946 recovery costs, and use of county funds, by substituting "Such term" for "The term" in
947 subsection (a).

948 (3) Code Section 44-1-16, relating to failure to disclose in real estate transaction that
949 property was occupied by diseased person or was site of death and failure to disclose
950 information required to be provided or maintained in accordance with Code
951 Section 44-9-44.1, by deleting "No cause of action shall arise against an owner of real
952 property, real estate broker, or affiliated licensee of the broker for the failure to disclose in
953 any real estate transaction any information or fact which is provided or maintained or is
954 required to be provided or maintained in accordance with Code Section 42-9-44.1." in
955 subsection (b).

956 (4) Code Section 44-1-18, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

957 (5) Code Section 44-2-144, relating to freeing land from further registration, certificates as
958 conclusive source of title, notation of encumbrances, when land automatically freed,
959 registered land free of further registration, and exception, by inserting a comma following
960 "one person" in subsection (a) and by inserting "that" following "however," in subsection (c).

961 (6) Code Section 44-3-71, relating to definitions regarding condominiums, by substituting
962 "term" for "phrase" in paragraph (13).

963 (7) Code Section 44-3-80, relating to allocation of and liability for common expenses and
964 how assessments made, by inserting "that," following "however," in subsection (a) and by

965 inserting a comma following "however, that" and by substituting "shall" for "must" in the
966 introductory language of paragraph (d)(2).

967 (8) Code Section 44-3-112, relating to escrow of deposits or other payments made prior to
968 closing, by substituting "boldface" for "boldfaced" in subsection (b).

969 (9) Code Section 44-3-162, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of time-share
970 projects and programs, by inserting a comma following "however, that" in paragraph (21).

971 (10) Code Section 44-3-221, relating to definitions regarding property owners' associations,
972 by substituting "term" for "phrase" in paragraph (5).

973 (11) Code Section 44-3-225, relating to assessment of expenses, exemption from liability,
974 and liability for unpaid assessments, by inserting a comma following "however, that" in
975 subsection (c).

976 (12) Code Section 44-3-226, relating to amendment of instrument and presumption of
977 validity in court action, by inserting a comma following "however, that" and by substituting
978 "As used in" for "For purposes of" in subparagraph (a)(2)(B).

979 (13) Code Section 44-3-234, relating to application of article regarding property owners'
980 associations, by inserting "pursuant" following "submitted".

981 (14) Code Section 44-4-22, relating to alternative plane coordinates for expressing location
982 of a point for Georgia State Plane Coordinate System, by inserting a comma following
983 "x-coordinate" and "y-coordinate".

984 (15) Code Section 44-5-141, relating to definitions regarding revised uniform anatomical
985 gifts, by substituting "Such term" for "The term" in paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (11), (18), (22),
986 (29), and (30) and by substituting "database" for "data base" in paragraph (8).

987 (16) Code Section 44-5-168, relating to adverse possession of mineral rights under certain
988 conditions and procedure to obtain title, by substituting "mining operator as defined in Code
989 Section 12-4-72." for "licensed mining operator as defined in Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4
990 of Title 12." in subsection (f).

991 (17) Code Section 44-6-205, relating to applicability of article and court reform of nonvested
992 dispositions created before article became effective, by inserting a comma following
993 "effective" in paragraph (b)(4).

994 (18) Code Section 44-6-207, relating to definitions regarding uniform statutory rule against
995 perpetuities, by redesignating said Code section as Code Section 44-6-200.1.

996 (19) Code Section 44-7-20, relating to notification to prospective tenant of property's
997 propensity toward flooding, by substituting "As used in this Code section, the term 'flooding'
998 means" for "For purposes of this Code section, flooding is defined as".

999 (20) Code Section 44-7-115, relating to foreclosure of liens on abandoned or intact mobile
1000 homes, by inserting ", however," following "provided" in paragraph (2).

1001 **SECTION 45.**

1002 Reserved.

1003 **SECTION 46.**

1004 Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public
1005 transportation, is amended in:

1006 (1) Code Section 46-3-401, relating to sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of corporate
1007 assets requiring member approval, by substituting a semicolon for the period at the end of
1008 paragraph (2) and by substituting "; and" for the period at the end of paragraph (3).

1009 (2) Code Section 46-5-1, relating to exercise of eminent domain by telephone companies,
1010 posts and other fixture placement, construction regulation near railroad tracks, liability,
1011 required information, and due compensation, by deleting the comma following "that" in
1012 paragraph (b)(13).

1013 (3) Code Section 46-5-210, relating to definitions regarding disclosure of certain customer
1014 information, by deleting the subsection (a) designation.

SECTION 47.

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1016 Reserved.

SECTION 48.

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1018 Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, is
1019 amended in:

1020 (1) Code Section 48-7-1, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of income
1021 taxes, by substituting "such term" for "the term" in paragraph (4) and by substituting "As
1022 used in" for "For purposes of" in the introductory language of division (11)(E)(i).

1023 (2) Code Section 48-7-21, relating to taxation of corporations, by substituting "P.L." for
1024 "Public Law" in paragraph (b)(18).

1025 (3) Code Section 48-7-21.1, relating to compensation paid by taxpayer disallowed as
1026 business expense, by substituting "means" for "shall mean" in paragraph (a)(2).

1027 (4) Code Section 48-7-23, relating to taxation of partnerships, by substituting "this Code
1028 section," for "this Code Section," in paragraph (b)(3).

1029 (5) Code Section 48-7-27, relating to computation of taxable net income, by substituting
1030 "Georgia ABLE Program or any qualified ABLE program," for "Georgia ABLE program or
1031 any Qualified ABLE Program," in subparagraph (b)(10.1)(A) and by substituting "have the
1032 same meaning as set forth" for "mean the same as is defined" in subparagraph (d)(1)(A).

1033 (6) Code Section 48-7-28.3, relating to expenses from transactions with related members
1034 regarding imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits of income taxes, by
1035 substituting "Such term" for "The term" in the introductory language of paragraph (a)(4) and
1036 by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in the introductory language of
1037 paragraph (d)(1).

1038 (7) Code Section 48-7-28.4, relating to adjustments to taxes, disallowing expenses paid to
1039 certain real estate investment trusts and procedures, conditions, and limitations, by

1040 substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in the introductory language of
1041 paragraph (e)(1) and by substituting "Such term" for "The term" in subparagraph (e)(1)(A).
1042 (8) Code Section 48-7-29.1, relating to tax credits for retrofitting certain single-family
1043 homes with accessibility features, by substituting "features," for "features as defined under
1044 subsection (a) of this Code section," and by substituting "lower; provided, however," for
1045 "lower, provided" in paragraph (b)(2).
1046 (9) Code Section 48-7-29.3, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as reserved.
1047 (10) Code Section 48-7-29.5, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as
1048 reserved.
1049 (11) Code Section 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic
1050 structures, by inserting a comma following "however, that" in paragraph (a)(2), by
1051 substituting "Such term" for "This term" in paragraph (a)(4), and by redesignating
1052 subparagraphs (b.1)(A) and (b.1)(B) as paragraphs (b.1)(1) and (b.1)(2), respectively.
1053 (12) Code Section 48-7-29.11, relating to tax credits for eligible teleworking expenses, by
1054 substituting "Such term" for "This term" in paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(4).
1055 (13) Code Section 48-7-29.12, relating to tax credits for donation of real property for
1056 conservation purposes, by substituting "provided, however, that" for "however," in
1057 paragraph (d.1)(1).
1058 (14) Code Section 48-7-29.14, relating to tax credits for clean energy property, by
1059 substituting "Such term does not include" for "The term does not include, however," in
1060 paragraph (a)(2) and by inserting a comma following "however, that" in
1061 subparagraph (b)(1)(A).
1062 (15) Code Section 48-7-29.18, relating to tax credits for purchasers of alternative fuel
1063 heavy-duty and medium-duty vehicles, by substituting "Such term" for "The term" in
1064 paragraph (a)(2) and by inserting "the term" following "this paragraph," in paragraph (a)(3).

- 1065 (16) Code Section 48-7-29.24, relating to tax credits for contributions to foster child support
1066 organizations, by deleting "Governor's" preceding "Office of Planning and Budget" in
1067 subparagraph (a)(4)(B).
- 1068 (17) Code Section 48-7-29.25, relating to tax credits for contributions to law enforcement
1069 foundations, by deleting "of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated" in paragraph (a)(2).
- 1070 (18) Code Section 48-7-29.26, relating to tax credits for rural health care professionals, by
1071 inserting a comma following "however, that" in paragraph (a)(3).
- 1072 (19) Code Section 48-7-31, relating to taxation of corporations and computation, allocation,
1073 and apportionment of income, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in
1074 divisions (d)(2)(A)(i) and (d)(2.1)(B)(ii) and by substituting "As used in" for "For the
1075 purposes of" in paragraph (d)(3).
- 1076 (20) Code Section 48-7-40.12, relating to tax credits for qualified research expenses, by
1077 substituting "As used in this paragraph, the term" for "For purposes of this paragraph," in
1078 paragraph (a)(1).
- 1079 (21) Code Section 48-7-40.17, relating to tax credits for establishing or relocating quality
1080 jobs, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in paragraph (a)(5).
- 1081 (22) Code Section 48-7-40.19, which is repealed, by designating said Code section as
1082 reserved.
- 1083 (23) Code Section 48-7-40.22, relating to tax credits for business enterprises that purchase
1084 or lease a motor vehicle to provide transportation for employees, by deleting ", as amended"
1085 in paragraph (a)(4).
- 1086 (24) Code Section 48-7-40.24, relating to tax credits for jobs associated with large-scale
1087 projects, by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in paragraph (a)(11).
- 1088 (25) Code Section 48-7-40.25, relating to tax credits for investment in expanding existing
1089 manufacturing facilities and enhancements for high-impact aerospace defense projects, by
1090 substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" each time the phrase appears in
1091 paragraph (a)(9).

1092 (26) Code Section 48-7-40.26, relating to tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital
1093 production, by substituting "Such term" for "This term" in paragraph (b)(7), the introductory
1094 language of subparagraph (b)(8)(B), subparagraph (b)(8)(C), and in the undesignated text at
1095 the end of paragraph (b)(10), by substituting "subparagraph" for "paragraph" in the
1096 undesignated text at the end of subparagraph (d)(2)(B), by substituting "As used in this
1097 paragraph, the term 'full time employee' means" for "For purposes of this paragraph, a
1098 full-time employee shall mean" in subparagraph (e)(10)(A), and by substituting "provided,
1099 however, that" for "however," in paragraph (g)(1).

1100 (27) Code Section 48-7-40.26A, relating to tax credits for postproduction expenditures, by
1101 substituting "Such term" for "This term" in the undesignated text at the end of
1102 paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(5) and in paragraph (b)(6), by substituting "As used in" for "For
1103 purposes of" and by substituting "means" for "shall mean" in subsection (f), and by
1104 substituting "provided, however, that" for "however," in subparagraph (h)(3)(A).

1105 (28) Code Section 48-7-40.34, relating to tax credits for Class III railroads and reporting, by
1106 substituting "year; provided, however, that" for "year, provided that" in subsection (b).

1107 (29) Code Section 48-7-40.36, relating to tax credits for timber producers incurring losses
1108 from Hurricane Michael, by substituting "transfer; provided, however, that" for "transfer,
1109 provided that" in paragraph (h)(5) and by substituting "State Forestry Commission" for
1110 "Georgia Forestry Commission" in paragraph (i)(4).

1111 (30) Code Section 48-7-100, relating to definitions regarding current income tax payment,
1112 by substituting "such term" for "the term 'employer'" in subparagraphs (5)(A) and (5)(B) and
1113 by substituting "means" for "shall mean" in paragraphs (6.1) and (6.2).

1114 (31) Code Section 48-7-120, relating to failure by taxpayer to pay estimated income tax, by
1115 substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" in subsection (f).

1116 (32) Code Section 48-7A-3, relating to eligibility, amount, and claims for low-income tax
1117 credit, by substituting "provided, however, that:" for "provided that:" in the introductory
1118 language of subsection (a).

1119 (33) Code Section 48-8-2, relating to definitions regarding state sales and use tax, by
1120 substituting "As used in" for "For purposes of" and by substituting "as set forth in" for "as
1121 in" in subparagraph (8)(O), by substituting "foodborne" for "food borne" in
1122 division (27)(B)(i), by inserting a comma following "however, that" in paragraph (28.1), and
1123 by deleting "a" following "or" and by substituting "Such terms" for "The terms 'retail sale'
1124 or 'sale at retail'" in the introductory language of paragraph (31).

1125 (34) Code Section 48-8-3, relating to exemptions regarding general provisions of state sales
1126 and use tax, by deleting "and reserved" in subparagraphs (6.2)(B) and (6.3)(B), by
1127 substituting "As used in" for "For the purposes of" and "means" for "shall mean" in
1128 division (7.05)(B)(i), division (49.1)(B)(i), division (57)(D)(ii), subparagraph (70)(A), and
1129 division (70.1)(C)(i), by substituting a period for a semicolon at the end of
1130 subparagraphs (33)(A) and (36)(A), by substituting "As used in this paragraph, the term" for
1131 "For purposes of this paragraph," in subparagraph (34.2)(A), by deleting ", as amended" each
1132 time the phrase appears in subparagraph (41)(A), by substituting "As used in" for "For
1133 purposes of" in subparagraph (47)(B), by substituting "Such term" for "The term 'clothing'"
1134 in division (75)(B)(i), by substituting "Such term" for "The term 'computer'" in
1135 division (75)(B)(iii), by substituting "ground. As used in this paragraph, the term 'qualifying
1136 airline' means" for "ground; and for purposes of this paragraph a 'qualifying airline' shall
1137 mean" and inserting "the term" preceding "'food and food ingredients'" in paragraph (81), by
1138 substituting "As used in this subparagraph, the term 'local sales and use tax' means" for "For
1139 purposes of this subparagraph, local sales and use tax shall be defined as" in
1140 division (96)(C)(ii), and by substituting "As used in" for "For the purposes of" in
1141 subparagraph (98)(B) and division (98)(C)(i).

1142 (35) Code Section 48-8-3.2, relating to exemptions for manufacturing equipment, industrial
1143 materials, packing supplies, and energy, by substituting "Such term" for "The term" each
1144 time the phrase appears in paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(7), and (a)(9).

1145 (36) Code Section 48-8-3.3, relating to exemptions for agricultural operations and
1146 establishment of Georgia Agricultural Trust Fund, by substituting "Such term means" for
1147 "'Agricultural machinery and equipment' shall mean" in subparagraph (a)(1)(B) and by
1148 substituting "Such term" for "The term" in paragraphs (a)(3.1) and (a)(4).

1149 (37) Code Section 48-8-14, relating to restrictions on state contracts with nongovernmental
1150 vendors failing or refusing to collect sales or use taxes, by substituting "Such term" for "The
1151 term 'state agency'" in subsection (a).

1152 (38) Code Section 48-8-45, relating to reporting cash and credit sales, election of basis of
1153 accounting, payments under cash basis of accounting, deduction of bad debts under accrual
1154 basis of accounting, and bad debt deductions, refunds, and allocation, by inserting "the term"
1155 following "subsection," in the introductory language of paragraph (f)(1) and by substituting
1156 "the term 'bad debt'" for "a 'bad debt'" in subsection (g).

1157 (39) Code Section 48-8-77, relating to sourcing, definitions, sales of advertising and
1158 promotional direct mail and other direct mail, and sales of telecommunications service, by
1159 substituting "As used in" for "For the purposes of" in the introductory language of
1160 subsection (c), by substituting "Such terms" for "The terms 'receive' and 'receipt'" in the
1161 undesignated text at the end of subsection (c), by substituting "As used in" for "For purposes
1162 of" in the introductory language of paragraph (d)(3), and by substituting "Such term" for
1163 "The term" in the introductory language of subparagraph (d)(3)(B).

1164 (40) Code Section 48-8-111, relating to procedure for imposition of tax, resolution or
1165 ordinance, notice to county election superintendent, and election, by deleting "as amended,"
1166 and by substituting "Code Section 12-8-22;" for "Code Section 12-8-22, as amended;" in
1167 subparagraph (a)(1)(B).

1168 (41) Code Section 48-8-161, relating to definitions regarding uniform sales and use tax
1169 administration, by substituting "Such term" for "As used in this definition, a seller" in
1170 paragraph (7).

1171 (42) Code Section 48-8-241, relating to creation of special districts and tax rate, by
1172 substituting "As used in this paragraph, the term 'motor vehicle'" for "For purposes of this
1173 paragraph, a motor vehicle" in paragraph (d)(3).

1174 (43) Code Section 48-8-242, relating to definitions regarding the special district
1175 transportation sales and use tax (TSPLOST), by substituting a period for the semicolon at the
1176 end of paragraph (1) and by substituting "Such term" for "The term" in paragraph (10).

1177 (44) Code Section 48-8-243, relating to criteria for development of investment list of
1178 projects and programs, report, and gridlock, by substituting "MPOs" for "MPO's" in
1179 subsection (a) and by substituting "MPOs," for "MPO's," each time the term appears in the
1180 introductory language of subsection (b).

1181 (45) Code Section 48-8-269.7, relating to creation of special districts and applicability to
1182 metropolitan county special districts, by substituting "48-8-110" for "48-8-260" in
1183 paragraph (b)(2).

1184 **SECTION 49.**

1185 Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, is amended
1186 in:

1187 (1) Code Section 49-4-159.3, relating to biomarker testing for Medicaid recipients, by
1188 substituting "this title" for "Title 49" in subsection (f).

1189 **SECTION 50.**

1190 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
1191 in:

1192 (1) Code Section 50-3-130, relating to short title regarding the Original 33 Memorial, by
1193 substituting "This article" for "This Act".

1194 (2) Code Section 50-12-48, which is reserved, by designating said Code section as repealed.

1195 (3) Code Section 50-14-1, relating to meetings to be open to public, limitation on action to
1196 contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and
1197 teleconference, by substituting "email" for "e-mail" in paragraphs (d)(2) and (d)(3), by
1198 substituting "email," for "e-mail," in paragraph (d)(2), by substituting "this subsection, the
1199 term 'emergency conditions' means and" for "this paragraph, emergency conditions" and by
1200 substituting "subparagraph (a)(1)(A)" for "subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of
1201 subsection (a)" in paragraph (g)(1).

1202 (4) Article 4 of Chapter 18, relating to state printing and documents, by reserving the former
1203 Code Section 50-18-75 designation.

1204 (5) Code Section 50-23-4, relating to definitions regarding general provisions of the Georgia
1205 Environmental Finance Authority, by inserting "of" following "Chapter 22" in paragraph (6).

1206 **SECTION 51.**

1207 Reserved.

1208 **SECTION 52.**

1209 Reserved.

1210 **SECTION 53.**

1211 Reserved.

1212 **SECTION 54.**

1213 (1) The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by inserting a comma following
1214 "however, that" each time the phrase appears in:

1215 (A) Code Section 20-1A-8, relating to transfer of functions, powers, personnel, equipment,
1216 and assets to department and funding;

- 1217 (B) Code Section 20-2-51, relating to election of local board of education members,
1218 persons ineligible to be members or superintendent, ineligibility for local boards of
1219 education, and ineligibility for other elective offices;
- 1220 (C) Code Section 20-2-52, relating to term of office, number of members, and staggering
1221 of terms;
- 1222 (D) Code Section 20-2-55, relating to per diem, insurance, and expenses of local board
1223 members;
- 1224 (E) Code Section 20-2-84, relating to accountability, flexibility, and consequences
1225 components of contract;
- 1226 (F) Code Section 20-2-149.1, relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and
1227 use of automated external defibrillator and requirements;
- 1228 (G) Code Section 20-2-159.5, relating to Georgia Seal of Biliteracy, purpose,
1229 qualifications, and insignia;
- 1230 (H) Code Section 20-2A-1, relating to definitions regarding student scholarship
1231 organizations;
- 1232 (I) Code Section 27-1-38, relating to penalty for violations of title;
- 1233 (J) Code Section 29-2-21, relating to power of guardian over minor, obligations of
1234 guardians, and liability of guardian;
- 1235 (K) Code Section 29-3-35, relating to sale of perishable property of minor, sale of stock,
1236 disposition of other property, appointment of guardian ad litem, full return to court
1237 required, and authority of temporary substitute conservator;
- 1238 (L) Code Section 29-4-10, relating to petition for appointment of guardian and
1239 requirements for petition;
- 1240 (M) Code Section 29-4-22, relating to decisions on ward's well-being, obligations of
1241 guardian, and liability of guardian;
- 1242 (N) Code Section 29-5-10, relating to petition for appointment of conservator and
1243 requirements of petition;

- 1244 (O) Code Section 29-5-35, relating to sale of perishable property, sale of other properties,
1245 disposal of other properties, accounting for proceeds, and authority of emergency or
1246 temporary substitute conservator;
- 1247 (P) Code Section 29-9-13, relating to satisfaction of requirements of authentication or
1248 exemplification;
- 1249 (Q) Code Section 30-10-6, relating to qualification of trust, documents, life beneficiaries,
1250 trustees and cotrustees, income, transfers, and distributions and expenditures;
- 1251 (R) Code Section 32-3-2.1, relating to authorization to conduct all phases of
1252 pre-acquisition and acquisition of common property and allocation of consideration
1253 regarding general provisions of acquisition of property for transportation purposes;
- 1254 (S) Code Section 37-2-5, relating to regional advisory councils and establishing policy and
1255 direction for disability services, membership, bylaws, meetings, and expenses;
- 1256 (T) Code Section 37-2-38, relating to confidentiality and disclosure of information
1257 regarding the office of disability services ombudsman;
- 1258 (U) Code Section 37-2-46, relating to notification of consumer's death and time limits;
- 1259 (V) Code Section 37-4-42, relating to procedure for continuation of court ordered
1260 habilitation;
- 1261 (W) Code Section 38-2-6.1, relating to request by Governor for members to report for
1262 active duty without first having declared an emergency.
- 1263 (X) Code Section 38-2-10, relating to use of National Guard in drug law enforcement,
1264 provision of medical care in medically underserved areas, and for youth opportunity
1265 training programs;
- 1266 (Y) Code Section 44-2-103, relating to examiner's powers, contents, filing, and notice of
1267 examiner's report, right to jury trial, new trial, and appeal, and recommitment to examiner
1268 after trial or reversal on appeal

- 1269 (Z) Code Section 44-2-131, relating to declaration of title by descent upon petition, service
1270 of petition and publication of notice, transfer of registered title and issuance of new
1271 certificates, and rights of surviving spouse;
- 1272 (AA) Code Section 44-5-159.2, relating to role of medical examiner;
- 1273 (BB) Code Section 48-7-29, relating to tax credits for rural physicians; and
- 1274 (CC) Code Section 48-8-203, relating to timing for imposition of tax following approval
1275 and termination of tax.
- 1276 (2) The Official Code of Georgia Annotated is amended by substituting "As used in" for
1277 "For purposes of" or "For the purposes of" each time the phrases appear in:
- 1278 (A) Code Section 20-1A-12, relating to application, "license" defined, actions authorized
1279 by department in event of violations, investigations, and governmental immunity;
- 1280 (B) Code Section 20-2-71, relating to placement of twins or higher order multiples in the
1281 same classroom;
- 1282 (C) Code Section 20-2-161.3, relating to Dual Enrollment Act, purpose, dual credit
1283 courses, eligibility for participation, eligibility for secondary course credits, eligibility to
1284 meet high school graduation requirements, eligibility for award of high school diploma,
1285 funding; limitations on total hours, exceptions, and eligibility for payment;
- 1286 (D) Code Section 20-2-168, relating to distribution of federal funds, combined purchase
1287 of supplies and equipment, minimum school year, summer school programs, and
1288 year-round operation;
- 1289 (E) Code Section 20-2-326, relating to definitions regarding college and career readiness;
- 1290 (F) Code Section 20-2-895, relating to contracts with local employers as to coverage and
1291 duties of local employers;
- 1292 (G) Code Section 20-2-930, relating to professional liability insurance coverage for
1293 teachers and other school personnel;
- 1294 (H) Code Section 27-2-13.1, relating to film production wildlife permits and release;

- 1295 (I) Code Section 27-2-16, relating to commercial quail breeder permits, maintenance of
1296 records by holders, and selling and transporting of pen raised quail generally;
- 1297 (J) Code Section 27-2-22.1, relating to fox trapping and selling;
- 1298 (K) Code Section 27-3-4, relating to legal weapons for hunting wildlife generally, use of
1299 silencers and suppressors prohibited, and penalty for violations;
- 1300 (L) Code Section 27-4-30, relating to fishing in private ponds;
- 1301 (M) Code Section 29-2-15, relating to "biological father" defined, notice of petition for
1302 appointment of permanent guardian, protest of father, and petition to legitimate;
- 1303 (N) Code Section 29-2-65, relating to "guardianship" defined and requirements of petition
1304 for transfer;
- 1305 (O) Code Section 29-2-74, relating to "foreign guardian" defined, required filings, and
1306 bond;
- 1307 (P) Code Section 29-3-1, relating to natural guardian or next friend must qualify as
1308 conservator and exception;
- 1309 (Q) Code Section 29-3-3, relating to compromise of claim and settlement;
- 1310 (R) Code Section 29-3-105, relating to "conservatorship" defined, petition for transfer of
1311 jurisdiction, and requirements of petition;
- 1312 (S) Code Section 29-5-135, relating to foreign conservator" defined and sale or disposal
1313 of property;
- 1314 (T) Code Section 37-3-41, relating to emergency admission based on physician's
1315 certification or court order, report by apprehending officer, entry of treatment order into
1316 patient's clinical record, authority of other personnel to act under statute, and annual
1317 reporting;
- 1318 (U) Code Section 37-3-42, relating to emergency admission of persons arrested for penal
1319 offenses, report by officer, and entry of report into clinical record;
- 1320 (V) Code Section 37-7-41, relating to emergency involuntary treatment, who may certify
1321 need, delivery for examination, report of delivery required, and annual report;

- 1322 (W) Code Section 37-7-42, relating to emergency admission of persons arrested for penal
1323 offenses, report by officer, and entry of report into clinical record;
- 1324 (X) Code Section 37-11-9, relating to witness requirement, period of validity, civil liability
1325 of witnesses, and copies;
- 1326 (Y) Code Section 38-2-1025, relating to eligibility to serve on courts-martial;
- 1327 (Z) Code Section 48-7-40, relating to designation of counties as less developed areas and
1328 tax credits for certain business enterprises;
- 1329 (AA) Code Section 48-7-40.1, relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less
1330 developed areas;
- 1331 (BB) Code Section 48-7-40.15, relating to tax credits for base year port traffic increases;
- 1332 (CC) Code Section 48-7-40.16, relating to tax credits for alternative fuel, low-emission,
1333 and zero-emission vehicles and electric vehicle chargers;
- 1334 (DD) Code Section 48-7-86, relating to penalties for nonpayment, failure to pay, or
1335 underpayment of taxes, reduction of tax by partial payments and credits, and relief of
1336 liability on joint return;
- 1337 (EE) Code Section 48-7-102, relating to withholding exemption status;
- 1338 (FF) Code Section 48-7-114, relating to estimated income tax due from individuals,
1339 returns, exemptions, and limitations, and applicability to fiduciaries;
- 1340 (GG) Code Section 48-7-117, relating to estimated income tax by corporations;
- 1341 (HH) Code Section 48-7-129, relating to withholding tax on distributions to nonresident
1342 members of partnerships, Subchapter "S" corporations, and limited liability companies;
- 1343 (II) Code Section 48-8-5, relating to exemptions for agricultural commodities not sold as
1344 finished product to ultimate consumer;
- 1345 (JJ) Code Section 48-8-78, relating to appropriation for freight and logistic projects; and
- 1346 (KK) Code Section 48-8-123, relating to procedure for modification of infeasible projects
1347 previously approved by referendum.

SECTION 55.

1348
1349 (a) In accordance with subsection (c) of Code Section 28-9-5, the following portions
1350 included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published under authority of the state by
1351 LEXIS Publishing, including all 2025 supplements and revised volumes thereof, are hereby
1352 reenacted, and such reenactment shall have the effect of adopting and giving force and effect
1353 of law to the following portions as contained in such supplements and volumes:

1354 (1) Statutory text; and

1355 (2) Arrangement and numbering system, including, but not limited to, title, chapter, article,
1356 part, subpart, Code section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, division, and subdivision
1357 numbers and designations.

1358 (b) The following portions included in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated published
1359 under authority of the state by LEXIS Publishing, including all 2025 supplements and revised
1360 volumes thereof, are specifically not enacted or reenacted, have no binding authority, bear
1361 no weight or effect, and shall not be construed to have the imprimatur of the General
1362 Assembly or the State of Georgia:

1363 (1) Case annotations;

1364 (2) Research references, including, but not limited to:

1365 (A) Law reviews;

1366 (B) Collateral references to secondary sources;

1367 (C) Opinions of the Georgia Attorney General;

1368 (D) Advisory opinions of the State Bar; and

1369 (E) Cross-references;

1370 (3) Captions;

1371 (4) Catchlines;

1372 (5) Headings;

1373 (6) Title and chapter analyses;

1374 (7) History lines;

- 1375 (8) Repeal lines;
- 1376 (9) Editorial notes;
- 1377 (10) Amendment notes;
- 1378 (11) Code Commission notes;
- 1379 (12) Effective date notes;
- 1380 (13) Tables;
- 1381 (14) User's Guide;
- 1382 (15) General Index;
- 1383 (16) Volume indices;
- 1384 (17) Indices related to local and special laws;
- 1385 (18) Conversion tables;
- 1386 (19) The United States Constitution;
- 1387 (20) The Georgia Constitution;
- 1388 (21) Rules and regulations of state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or other
- 1389 entities;
- 1390 (22) Material in brackets or parentheses and editorial, delayed effective date, effect of
- 1391 amendment, or other similar notes within the text of a Code section which have been added
- 1392 by the publisher in order to explain or to prevent a misapprehension concerning the
- 1393 contents of the Code section; and
- 1394 (23) Any other matter published in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which is not
- 1395 included in subsection (a) of this section.
- 1396 (c) The reenactment of the portions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by
- 1397 subsection (a) of this section shall not affect, supersede, or repeal any Act of the General
- 1398 Assembly, or portion thereof, which is not contained in the Official Code of Georgia
- 1399 Annotated and which was not repealed by Code Section 1-1-10, specifically including those
- 1400 Acts which have not yet been included in the text of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated
- 1401 because of effective dates which extend beyond the effective date of the Code or the

1402 publication date of the Code or its supplements. This subsection shall not apply to any Act
1403 or portion thereof which was superseded due to conflict as provided by subsection (b) of
1404 Code Section 28-9-5.

1405 (d) The provisions contained in Sections 1 through 54 of this Act and in the other Acts
1406 enacted at the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia shall supersede the
1407 provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ratified and reenacted by subsection (a)
1408 of this section.

1409 (e) In the event of a conflict between a provision in Sections 1 through 54 of this Act and
1410 a provision of another Act enacted at the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly, the
1411 provision of such other Act shall control over the conflicting provision in Sections 1
1412 through 54 of this Act to the extent of such conflict.

1413 **SECTION 56.**

1414 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.