

House Bill 1490

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Greene of the 154th, McDonald III of the 26th, and Seabaugh of the 34th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Titles 20, 45, and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 education, public officers and employees, and state government, respectively, so as to
3 transfer responsibility for the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum from the Board of
4 Regents of the University System of Georgia to the Georgia Building Authority; to provide
5 for the transfer of agreements, property, employees, and appropriated funds to the Georgia
6 Building Authority; to authorize the Georgia Building Authority to take certain actions
7 pursuant to such transfer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters;
8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended in
12 Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 3, relating to board of regents, by repealing Code Section
13 20-3-40, relating to Georgia Capitol Museum.

SECTION 2.

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

19 "(b) The Capitol Art Standards Commission, in cooperation with the ~~Board of Regents of~~
20 ~~the University System of Georgia~~ Georgia Building Authority, shall designate areas within
21 the capitol museum as the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas. Such areas
22 shall include information, artifacts, photographs, monuments, or other related items which
23 tell the history and importance of agriculture to this state's economic growth. Except as
24 provided for in this part, the Georgia Capitol Agricultural History Museum areas of the
25 capitol museum shall be maintained, operated, and managed in the same manner as the
26 other areas of the capitol museum."

SECTION 3.

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28 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
29 in Article 1 of Chapter 9, relating to general provisions regarding Georgia Building
30 Authority, by adding new Code sections to read as follows:

31 "50-9-18.

32 (a) All powers, functions, duties, and obligations of the Board of Regents of the University
33 System of Georgia under Code Section 20-3-40, as they exist on June 30, 2026, relating to
34 the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum, are transferred to the Georgia Building
35 Authority, effective July 1, 2026.

36 (b) The Georgia Building Authority shall succeed to all policies, standards, programs, and
37 procedures of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in effect on
38 June 30, 2026, or scheduled to go into effect on or after July 1, 2026, and which relate to
39 the functions, duties, and obligations transferred to the Georgia Building Authority

40 pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section and shall further succeed to any rights,
41 privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties of the Board of Regents of the University
42 System of Georgia that are in effect on June 30, 2026, which relate to the functions, duties,
43 and obligations transferred to the Georgia Building Authority pursuant to subsection (a) of
44 this Code section. Such policies, standards, programs, and procedures shall remain in
45 effect until amended, superseded, or nullified by the Georgia Building Authority.

46 (c) Except as otherwise expressly provided, the rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations,
47 and duties of parties to contracts, leases, agreements, and other transactions entered into
48 prior to July 1, 2026, by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia which
49 relate to the functions, duties, and obligations transferred to the Georgia Building Authority
50 pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall continue to exist; and none of such
51 rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties are impaired or diminished by
52 reason of the transfer of the functions to the Georgia Building Authority. In all such
53 instances, the Georgia Building Authority shall be substituted for the Board of Regents of
54 the University System of Georgia, and the Georgia Building Authority shall succeed to the
55 rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties under such contracts, leases,
56 agreements, and other transactions.

57 (d) All individuals employed by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
58 in capacities which relate to the functions transferred to the Georgia Building Authority
59 pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section on June 30, 2026, shall, on July 1, 2026,
60 become employees of the Georgia Building Authority in similar capacities.

61 (e) The Georgia Building Authority shall receive custody of any state owned real property
62 in the custody of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on
63 June 30, 2026, and which pertains to the functions, duties, and obligations transferred to
64 the Georgia Building Authority pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section.

65 50-9-19.

66 (a) The Georgia Building Authority shall maintain the exhibits for the Georgia Capitol
67 Museum and may prepare and distribute publications concerning the museum's features,
68 prepare semitechnical materials for distribution to the schools of this state, conduct tours
69 of such museum and state capitol, and perform such other duties and functions as are
70 ordinarily exercised in the operation of a museum.

71 (b) The Georgia Building Authority is authorized to receive, on behalf of the state, any
72 grants, donations, or gifts of money or property for use in the museum.

73 (c) Any funds appropriated for the operation of the Georgia Capitol Museum may be
74 transferred as provided in Code Section 45-12-90."

75 **SECTION 4.**

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