

# Legislative Committee Report 2023-2024 Session

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## Georgia General Assembly

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### Agriculture and Consumer Affairs

HB 436: Surface mining; revise maximum criminal penalties for violations

SB 494 Georgia Hemp Farming Act'; hemp products; regulate

HB 1223 Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976; provide for a new prohibited act

### Health and Human Services

SB 198 Georgians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Innovation Commission; create

SB 293 County Boards of Health; operational policies and procedures of the Department of Public Health apply to local personnel; provide

SB 480 Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce; student loan repayment for mental health and substance use professionals serving in certain capacities; provid

SB 54 Water Rights; the public trust doctrine; remove references

HB 872 Medical professionals; rural assistance; expand service cancelable loan program for health care providers to include dental students

HB 1028 Education; repeal requirement of screening of public school children for scoliosis; provisions

HB 1078 Community Health, Department of; Georgia Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); establish and implement

HB 1335 Health; personal care homes, assisted living communities, and memory care centers; revise staffing requirements

### Higher Education

SB 399 Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; to enter into and amend existing agreements with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; encourage and state expectations

HB 130 Georgia Student Finance Authority; student loan repayment for peace officers; provide

HB 970 Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholarship; victims of human trafficking are eligible; provide

HB 982 State Workforce Development Board; publish a High-demand Career List most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs; require

HB 1231 Postsecondary education; allow academically successful students to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility

## **Natural Resources and the Environment**

### **Regulated Industries and Utilities**

SB 73 Telephone Services; class action suits and for damages against certain persons for violating provisions relating to telephone solicitations; provide

SB 412 Professions and Businesses; administrative and civil sanctions against charitable organizations, paid solicitors, and solicitor agents for certain violations; change provisions

SB 420 Agriculture; acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities; prohibit

SB 433 Nonprofit Corporations; enact "Donor Intent Protection Act"; provide definitions; charitable organizations from violating the terms of charitable contributions; prohibit

HB 300 Solar Technology Trust Fund; fund within state treasury; establish

HB 1312 Agriculture, Department of; regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations; extend effective date of provisions

HB 1339 Health; certificate of need; re

HB 1146 Natural Resources, Department of; EPD to issue water permits to private companies in areas where no public service can be provided within a period of 12 months; require

### **State Institutions and Property**

HR 1116 **Property; conveyance of certain state owned property; authorize**

### **Other Bills**

HB 1018: commerce and trade and crimes and offenses respectively, so as to provide for protections of persons who own, purchase, or engage in the business of selling firearms; to prohibit financial institutions from requiring the use of a firearms code that distinguishes firearms retailers from other retailers; to prohibit discrimination against firearms retailers by financial institutions through the use of a firearms code.

HB 1053: relating to state government, so as to prohibit governmental agencies from using central bank digital currency as payment and from participating in testing the use of such currency.

HB 1410: Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing generally, is amended by revising Article 5, relating to the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless

SB 340: Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearm safes and firearm safety devices

SB 344: Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use taxes, so as to exempt sales of firearms, ammunition, gun safes, and related accessories during an 11 day period each year

HB 808: Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to increase a statewide ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property

SR 465: Georgia Senate, through public reports and court filings, that Fani Willis, district attorney for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, which comprises Fulton County, has been accused of various forms of misconduct relating to the prosecution of cases related to the 2020 Presidential Election

SR 543: Supporting increased protections for America's borders, border security

HB 995: Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require the administration of a nationally recognized multiple-aptitude battery assessment that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military to public school students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate

**HB 206** Relating to local government, so as to provide for the creation of Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy, and Resiliency Development Authorities in certain counties and municipalities

**HB1073** Relating to regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, so as to provide for Sunday sales of alcoholic

beverages for consumption on the premises in locally designated special entertainment districts. Relating to hearings on proposed zoning decisions, notice of hearing.

**HB 1407** Intended to minimize inefficiencies resulting from duplication of services and competition between local governments and to provide a mechanism to resolve disputes over local government service delivery, funding equity, and land use.

The local government service delivery process should result in the minimization of noncompatible incompatible municipal and county land use plans and in a simple, concise agreement describing which local governments will provide which service in specified areas within a county and how provision of such services will be funded.

## **EDUCATION AND YOUTH**

**SB 233** Relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of promise scholarship accounts and related matters; to provide for the creation of the *Georgia Education Savings Authority as a state-wide authority*; to provide for definitions; to provide for its membership, manner of appointment, terms of office, and powers and duties; to provide for keeping of records and maintenance of accounts; to prohibit certain

conflicts; to *provide for assignment of such authority to the Georgia Student Finance Commission* for administrative purposes; to provide for promise scholarship accounts *to be funded by the state in the amount of \$6,500.00 per school year for each participating student*, subject to certain adjustments.

**SB 440** To provide for **ACE** (accelerated career education) grants for technical college students pursuing certain degrees, diplomas, and certificates. to revise a definition in the "Dual Enrollment Act", relating to the maximum of eligible dual enrollment courses allowable for students, in regards to identification of *critical needs fields of study*.

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**SB 324A** A victim of domestic violence must submit an application to keep their work, home, or school address confidential **AND** prove that they are in danger before any government agency that they are working with, will omit their information from documentation. Examples would be court orders, temporary or permanent protective orders, etc.

SB189, Several good election integrity measures but none take effect until after the Nov. 2024 election.

SB212, Removes Probate judge from elections (Needs to veto)

SB368, Prohibit foreign nationals from contributing to candidates or campaign committees

HB1207, Any person to undertake any election related duties be a citizen of the United States. Lists other restrictions for poll watchers.

SB332, Allows the Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission to take action without the GA Supreme Court.

SB465, A person commits the offense of aggravated involuntary manslaughter when he or she causes the fentanyl overdose death of another human being.

HB993, Provide for the offense of grooming a minor for indecent purposes.

HB1017, Relating to criminal trespass, so as to include when a person enters a land or premises for purposes of residing on such land or premises. "Georgia Squatter Reform Act" (Kemp has already signed.)

HB1267, Code Section 45-7-4 "(19.2) Judge of the Georgia Tax Court. Sets salary at \$174,500.00

HR598, A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to vest judicial power of the state in the Georgia Tax Tribunal.

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**Below is a list of all House Study Committees established during the 2024 Legislative Session:**

**(HR 473)** House Study Committee on Safety and Consumer Protection in the Tree Care Industry

**(HR 1135)** House Study Committee on Credit Card Fee on State Sales and Excise Tax and Their Impact on Georgia Merchants and Consumers

**(HR 1166)** House Study Committee on the Exchange, Storage, and Bond Coverage of Agricultural Products, Grain, and Livestock

**(HR 1283)** House Study Committee on Safety and Consumer Protection of Nicotine Vapor Products

**(HR 1360)** House Study Committee on Alternatives to Opioids for Pain Management

**(HR 1384)** House Study Committee on Assessing the Semester and Quarter Systems at USG and TCSG Institutions

**(HR 1432)** House Disaster Mitigation and Resilience Study Committee

**(HR 1498)** House Study Committee on Private Water Systems

**(HR 1554)** House Study Committee on Navigable Streams and Related Matters

**Below is a list of all Senate Study Committees established during the 2024 Legislative Session:**

**SR 37** Senate Property Owners' Associations, Homeowners' Associations, and Condominium Associations Study Committee

Sponsor: James of the 35th

**SR 203** Senate Safe Firearm Storage Study Committee

Sponsor: E. Jones of the 10th

**SR 251** Senate Rosenwald Schools Study Committee

Sponsor: Davenport of the 44th

**SR 323** Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services

Sponsor: H. Jones of the 22nd

**SR 470** Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands

Sponsor: Hickman of the 4th

**SR 471** Senate Study Committee on Access to Affordable Child Care

Sponsor: Albers of the 56th

**SR 476** Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence

Sponsor: Albers of the 56th

**SR 527** Senate Study Committee on Veterans' Mental Health and Housing

Sponsor: Payne of the 54th

**SR 570** Senate Supporting Safety and Welfare of All Individuals in Department of Corrections Facilities Study Committee

Sponsor: Robertson of the 29th

**SR 751** Senate Disaster Mitigation and Resilience Study Committee

Sponsor: S. Watson of the 11th Senate Resolution 786 Senate Advancing

Forest Innovation in Georgia Study Committee Sponsor: Kennedy of the  
18th